

**CHEESE IMPORTS  
SELECTED COUNTRIES**

(1,000 METRIC TONS)

|                            | 1997       | 1998       | 1999       | 2000       | (p) 2001   | (f) 2002   |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>NORTH AMERICA</b>       |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Canada                     | 23         | 23         | 25         | 29         | 26         | 25         |
| Mexico                     | 25         | 28         | 44         | 54         | 55         | 60         |
| United States              | <u>141</u> | <u>156</u> | <u>195</u> | <u>186</u> | <u>195</u> | <u>190</u> |
| <b>Sub Total</b>           | <b>189</b> | <b>207</b> | <b>264</b> | <b>269</b> | <b>276</b> | <b>275</b> |
| <b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>       |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Argentina                  | 1          | 6          | 2          | 8          | 7          | 6          |
| Brazil                     | 29         | 24         | 20         | 16         | 11         | 0          |
| Venezuela                  | <u>3</u>   | <u>5</u>   | <u>3</u>   | <u>4</u>   | <u>5</u>   | <u>6</u>   |
| <b>Sub Total</b>           | <b>33</b>  | <b>35</b>  | <b>25</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>23</b>  | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>EUROPEAN UNION</b>      |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Denmark                    | 4          | 2          | 2          | 2          | 2          | 2          |
| France                     | 13         | 14         | 19         | 15         | 15         | 15         |
| Germany                    | 21         | 23         | 27         | 25         | 36         | 40         |
| Ireland                    | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| Italy                      | 19         | 18         | 18         | 17         | 16         | 15         |
| Netherlands                | 16         | 15         | 27         | 37         | 40         | 50         |
| Spain                      | 2          | 3          | 1          | 3          | 3          | 2          |
| Sweden                     | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          |
| United Kingdom             | 30         | 33         | 42         | 30         | 30         | 30         |
| <b>Sub Total</b>           | <b>105</b> | <b>108</b> | <b>138</b> | <b>130</b> | <b>142</b> | <b>154</b> |
| <b>EASTERN EUROPE</b>      |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Poland                     | 2          | 2          | 2          | 6          | 3          | 3          |
| Romania                    | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   |
| <b>Sub Total</b>           | <b>2</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>6</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>3</b>   |
| <b>FORMER SOVIET UNION</b> |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Russia                     | 280        | 130        | 60         | 60         | 100        | 100        |
| Ukraine                    | <u>1</u>   | <u>3</u>   | <u>1</u>   | <u>1</u>   | <u>1</u>   | <u>1</u>   |
| <b>Sub Total</b>           | <b>281</b> | <b>133</b> | <b>61</b>  | <b>61</b>  | <b>101</b> | <b>101</b> |
| <b>NORTH AFRICA</b>        |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Egypt                      | <u>14</u>  | <u>13</u>  | <u>16</u>  | <u>15</u>  | <u>15</u>  | <u>15</u>  |
| <b>Sub Total</b>           | <b>14</b>  | <b>13</b>  | <b>16</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>ASIA</b>                |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Japan                      | 171        | 184        | 187        | 205        | 200        | 200        |
| Korea                      | <u>15</u>  | <u>13</u>  | <u>21</u>  | <u>30</u>  | <u>38</u>  | <u>48</u>  |
| <b>Sub Total</b>           | <b>186</b> | <b>197</b> | <b>208</b> | <b>235</b> | <b>238</b> | <b>248</b> |
| <b>OCEANIA</b>             |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Australia 2/               | 32         | 31         | 33         | 38         | 43         | 43         |
| New Zealand 3/             | <u>1</u>   | <u>1</u>   | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   | <u>0</u>   |
| <b>Sub Total</b>           | <b>33</b>  | <b>32</b>  | <b>33</b>  | <b>38</b>  | <b>43</b>  | <b>43</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>843</b> | <b>727</b> | <b>747</b> | <b>782</b> | <b>841</b> | <b>851</b> |

(p) - preliminary  
(f) - forecast

1/Year beginning April 1 of the year shown.  
2/Year ending June 30 of the year shown.  
3/Year ending May 31 of the year shown.

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