

<u>NOTICE</u>

TO: Licensees of NSPF and Cheddar cheeses, HTS Additional U.S. Notes 16 and 18 Country of Origin – NEW ZEALAND

SUBJECT: Globalization of License(s), New Zealand NSPF and Cheddar

Pursuant to Section 6.32 of Import Regulation 1, Revision 8, the Licensing Authority has determined that entries of the above cheese article from *New Zealand*, subject to tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) set forth under Additional U.S. Notes 16 and 18 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, are likely to fall short of *New Zealand's* TRQ allocation for this article in 2008.

Therefore, license(s) to enter the remaining balances of this cheese article will be globalized as of the close of business April 1, 2008. Beginning on April 2, 2008, applicable licensees may enter **100 percent** of their remaining unused licenses for New Zealand NSPF cheese (license code OT) and Cheddar cheese (license code C) from **ANY** country, including New Zealand, for the remainder of the year.

<u>The U.S. Customs and Border Protection on-line entry system and the Department 's</u> DAIRIES System have been adjusted to take account of this globalization. If you wish to obtain information on your license balance that was globalized, please access the DAIRIES System.

To obtain the globalized balance, if the first number of your license was 4, the new globalized license number will begin with 8. For example, if your license number was 4-OT-999-8, your new globalized license number is 8-OT-999-8.

The requirement that a through bill of lading be presented at time of entry (Section 6.29) remains in effect.

In addition, importers are reminded that the Import Regulation requires that: 85 percent of each license must be utilized by December 31, 2008 and duty-paid entries under 2008 licenses must be made before January 1, 2009.

Dairy Import Licensing Program