



NOTICE

**TO: Licensees of NSPF, Edam/Gouda and Swiss-type cheeses,
HTS Additional U.S. Notes 16, 20 and 25
Country of Origin – ARGENTINA**

SUBJECT: Globalization of Licenses, Argentina NSPF, Edam/Gouda and Swiss-type

Pursuant to Section 6.32 of Import Regulation 1, Revision 8, the Licensing Authority has determined that entries of the above cheese articles from *Argentina*, subject to tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) set forth under Additional U.S. Notes 16, 20 and 25 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, are likely to fall short of *Argentina's* TRQ allocation for these articles in 2009.

Therefore, licenses to enter the remaining balances of these cheese articles will be globalized as of the close of business September 25, 2009. Beginning on September 26, 2009, applicable licensees may enter **100 percent** of their remaining unused licenses for Argentina NSPF (license code OT), Edam/Gouda (license code E), and Swiss-type cheeses (license code SW) from **ANY** country, including Argentina, for the remainder of the year.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection on-line entry system and the Department's 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-999-9, your new globalized license number is 8-OT-999-9.

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, 2009 and duty-paid entries under 2009 licenses must be made before January 1, 2010.

Dairy Import Licensing Program