N O T I C E

TO: **Licensees of NSPF cheeses,**
HTS Additional U.S. Note 16
Country of Origin – COSTA RICA

SUBJECT: **Globalization of License(s), Costa Rica NSPF**

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

Therefore, license(s) to enter the remaining balances of this cheese article will be globalized as of the close of business September 3, 2009. Beginning on September 4, 2009, applicable licensees may enter **100 percent** of their remaining unused licenses for Costa Rica NSPF cheese (license code OT) from **ANY** country, including Costa Rica, 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.
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> 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.

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