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**TARIFF QUOTAS - CHEESE AND CURD ALLOCATION FOR 1996/97**

The annual allocation of cheese and curd tariff quotas for 1996/97 will be based on a rolling 23 month average of import performance (ending 31 May 1996). This period of allocation has been adopted so as to reflect contemporary quota use.

Quota transferred or quota unused at the end of a financial year will not be recognised as import performance for quota allocation purposes.

Importers will be advised of their entitlement based on Australian Customs Service records of clearances for home consumption during the base period. Letters advising importers of their quota allocation for the period beginning 1 July 1996-30 June 1997 will be dispatached later this month.

Allocations of quota are transferable. Applications to transfer quota entitlements may be made by completing a "Transfer of Base Quota Allocation" form which are available from Customs Information Centres. Completed applications should be sent to:

Industry Development Australian Customs Service Customs House

5 Constitution Avenue CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Applicants are reminded that transfer applications are dealt with strictly in order of receipts and may take up to 4 working days to complete. This time is suspended when it is necessary to return an incomplete or incorrect form, and resumes when the application is returned. Applications should be submitted well in advance of intended use. Care should be taken to minimise factual errors in applications, so that delays in processing may be avoided.

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