Australian Customs Notice 2000 31

**CHEESE AND CURD TARIFF QUOTA - ALLOCATIONS FOR 2000-2001**

The Australian Customs Service has advised importers of their allocation of cheese and curd quota for the period 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001.

Allocations have been based on the actual usage of quota in the 23 months ending 31 May 2000, as shown in Customs records of clearances for home consumption. The 23 month period has been chosen to reflect the most recent usage of quota.

The calculation of an importer's quota entitlement excludes any quota transferred to another importer during the 23 month period or unused as at 31 May 2000.

Importers are reminded that quota is allocated for a particular financial year and that to use their quota allocation they are required to 'enter for home consumption' the cheese or curd by the end of the financial year to which the allocation relates, ie by 30 June. For the cheese or curd to be 'entered for home consumption' by 30 June, an entry for the goods must be lodged with Customs and the vessel or aircraft carrying the goods must have arrived at the first Australian port or airport at which any cargo is intended to be discharged.

If either condition is not met by 30 June, the goods are taken to have been 'entered for home consumption' in the following financial year. In such circumstances, the goods can be entered:

under quota for that financial year (if the importer has sufficient quota for that year); or

without quota at the rate of customs duty applicable to the relevant subheading of Schedule 3 of the Customs Tariff.

Quota allocations are transferable between importers. An application to transfer quota entitlements may be made by completing a Transfer of Base Quota (Cheese and Curd) form (form B235) and submitting it to:

*Director Tariff Concessions 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 receipt and may take up to four working days to process. This processing time is suspended when it is necessary to return an incomplete or incorrect application, and resumes when the application is returned. Applications should be submitted well in advance of intended use.

Please note that quota transfer form B235 has been revised and a copy of the new form has been sent to each quota holder. All future applications for transfer of quota should be made on the new form. Additional copies of that form and further information on the Cheese and Curd Quota Scheme may be obtained from Renata Menkarska by telephoning (02) 6275 5802.

Debbie Bates National Manager Tariff

for

Chief Executive Officer 12 July 2000