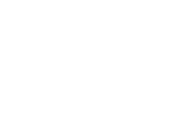
DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS NOTICE No.2018/07



**Australian Government Department of Home Affairs**

**Cheese and Curd Quota Scheme – Allocations for 2018-2019**

The Department of Home Affairs (the Department) will shortly contact Cheese and Curd Quota Scheme holders to discuss quota allocations for 2018-2019.

The calculation of an importer’s forthcoming allocation is based on the actual use of quota by that importer in the 23-month period ending 31 May 2018, as shown in the Department’s records of Import Declarations lodged between **01 July 2016 and 31 May 2018**.

We remind importers that quotas are allocated for a particular financial year. To use the quota allocated, importers are required to ‘enter for home consumption’ their imported cheese or curd by the end of the financial year to which the allocation relates, that is, by 30 June of that year. Where cheese or curd importations are of Australian origin (returned Australian goods), or a free rate of duty is provided under Schedule 3 of the *Customs Tariff Act 1995*, then the quota cannot be used. Similarly, if preference circumstances or Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) apply, then the quota is not available.

Pursuant to subsections 71A(7) and (8) of the *Customs Act 1901*, the cheese or curd is ‘entered for home consumption’ on the **latter** of the following two dates:

1. the date of original lodgment;
2. the date of the arrival of the vessel or aircraft at the first Australian port or airport at which any cargo is intended to be discharged.

Please note that:

* The quota calculation excludes any part of the quota transferred to another importer during the 23- month period or that remains unused at **31 May 2018**
* For the 2019-20 allocation period, the allocation will be calculated by the sum of:
  1. all quota entered for home consumption in 2017-18, **and**
  2. all quota entered for home consumption between 01 July 2018 and 31 May 2019

NB. Good entered for home consumption between 01 June and 30 June 2019 will be included in the 2020-2021 allocation

* Quota allocated in a particular financial year cannot be used to amend declarations entered for home consumption during a previous financial year

At this time of the year, quota holders should take stock of quota balances with a view to optimising usage and consequently maximising their next allocation.

The Department of Home Affairs will publish the final allocation in the *Commonwealth of Australia: Tariff Concessions Gazette* in July 2018.

Where you anticipate quota usage shortfalls, there is an option to transfer allocations between importers. You can apply for a transfer by completing a Transfer of Base Quota (Cheese and Curd) form (form B235) and submitting it to:

Superintendent – Tariff Concession Administration Australian Border Force

Department of Home Affairs PO Box 25

BELCONNEN ACT 2617

Alternatively, this form may be submitted by email to Tariff Concession Administration at [tarcon@abf.gov.au.](mailto:tarcon@abf.gov.au)

Transfer requests are processed in order of their receipt. Each request may take up to four working days to process. The transfer form is available on the Department’s website at https://[www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Forms/Documents/b235.pdf#search=b235.](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Forms/Documents/b235.pdf#search%3Db235)

To facilitate efficient administration of the annual allocation, we urge importers and brokers to notify the Department of any changes to company details such as addresses, phone, email, fax and principal contact person.

You may direct any enquiries concerning this notice to Tariff Concession Administration by email to [tarcon@abf.gov.au.](mailto:tarcon@abf.gov.au)

[signed] Stephen Hledik

Commander, Customs Compliance Canberra ACT

04 April 2018