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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration Department of Commerce.

DATES: Applicable [**INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER***].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 26, 2019, the Department of Commerce (Commerce), pursuant to section 702(h) of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (as amended) (the Act), published the quarterly update to the annual listing of foreign government subsidies on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty covering the period January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019.¹ In the *First Quarter 2019 Update*, we requested that any party that has information on foreign government subsidy programs that benefit articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty submit such information to Commerce.² We received no comments, information or requests for consultation from any party.

¹ See *Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty*, 84 FR 36053 (July 26, 2019) (*First Quarter 2019 Update*).

² *Id.*

Pursuant to section 702(h) of the Act, we hereby provide Commerce's update of subsidies on articles of cheese that were imported during the period April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. The appendix to this notice lists the country, the subsidy program or programs, and the gross and net amounts of each subsidy for which information is currently available.

Commerce will incorporate additional programs which are found to constitute subsidies, and additional information on the subsidy programs listed, as the information is developed. Commerce encourages any person having information on foreign government subsidy programs which benefit articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty to submit such information in writing to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.

This determination and notice are in accordance with section 702(a) of the Act.

Dated: October 29, 2019.

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for Enforcement and Compliance.

APPENDIX

SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ON CHEESE SUBJECT TO AN IN-QUOTA RATE OF DUTY

| Country | Program(s) | Gross³ Subsidy (\$/lb) | Net⁴ Subsidy (\$/lb) |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 28 European Union Member States ⁵ | European Union Restitution Payments | \$ 0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Canada | Export Assistance on Certain Types of Cheese | \$ 0.47 | \$ 0.47 |
| Norway | Indirect (Milk) Subsidy | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| | <u>Consumer Subsidy</u> | <u>\$ 0.00</u> | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| | Total | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Switzerland | Deficiency Payments | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |

³ Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).

⁴ Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).

⁵ The 28 member states of the European Union are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

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