

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: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, has prepared its quarterly update to the annual list of foreign government subsidies on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty during the period October 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. We are publishing the current listing of those subsidies that we have determined exist.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 17, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alicia Kinsey, Office of AD/CVD

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 702 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (as amended) (“the Act”) requires the Department of Commerce (≥the Department”) to determine, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, whether any foreign government is providing a subsidy with respect to any article of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty, as defined in section 702(h) of the Act, and to publish an annual list and quarterly updates of the type and amount of those subsidies. We hereby provide the Department’s annual list of subsidies on articles of cheese that were imported during the period October 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

The Department has developed, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, information on subsidies (as defined in section 702(h) of the Act) being provided either directly or indirectly by foreign governments on

articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty. 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.

The Department will incorporate additional programs which are found to constitute subsidies, and additional information on the subsidy programs listed, as the information is developed.

The Department 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 Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

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

Dated: April 9, 2003.

Susan Kuhbach,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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

Country	Program(s)	Gross ¹ Subsidy (\$/lb)	Net ² Subsidy (\$/lb)
Austria	European Union Restitution Payments	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.29
Belgium	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02
Canada	Export Assistance on Certain Types of Cheese	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.22
Denmark	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05
Finland	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
France	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.03
Germany	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07
Greece	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.01
Ireland	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07
Italy	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.03
Luxembourg	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07
Netherlands	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04
Norway	Indirect (Milk) Subsidy	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.34
.....	Consumer Subsidy	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15
.....	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.49
Portugal	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04
Spain	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02
Switzerland	Deficiency Payments	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06
U.K.	EU Restitution Payments	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05

¹Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).

²Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Overseas Trade Mission

July 14-19, 2003.

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce invites U.S. companies to apply to participate in the below described overseas trade mission. For a more complete description of the trade mission, obtain a copy of the mission