

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), the Department may rescind an administrative review, in whole or only with respect to a particular exporter or producer, if the Secretary concludes that, during the period covered by the review, there were no entries, exports, or sales of the subject merchandise. In light of the fact that we determined that Andina did not export the subject merchandise into the territory of the United States during the POR in question, and there were no entries made by any other exporter or producer in Argentina, we are rescinding this review. This notice is published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: December 29, 1999.

Richard O. Weible,

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Enforcement Group III.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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 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 annual list of foreign government subsidies on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty during the period October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999. We are publishing the current listing of those subsidies that we have determined exist.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tipten Troidl, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VI, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Section 702(a) 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(g)(b)(4) 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, 1998 through September 30, 1999.

The Department has developed, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, information on subsidies (as defined in section 702 (g)(b)(2) 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, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

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

Dated: December 29, 1999.

Holly A. Kuga,

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	0.19	0.19
Belgium	EU Restitution Payments	0.07	0.07
Canada	Export Assistance on Certain Types of Cheese	0.23	0.23
Denmark	EU Restitution Payments	0.17	0.17
Finland	EU Restitution Payments	0.26	0.26
France	EU Restitution Payments	0.15	0.15
Germany	EU Restitution Payments	0.19	0.19
Greece	EU Restitution Payments	0.00	0.00
Ireland	EU Restitution Payments	0.10	0.10
Italy	EU Restitution Payments	0.13	0.13
Luxembourg	EU Restitution Payments	0.07	0.07
Netherlands	EU Restitution Payments	0.10	0.10
Norway	Indirect (Milk) Subsidy	0.34	0.34
	Consumer Subsidy	0.14	0.14
Total	0.48	0.48
Portugal	EU Restitution Payments	0.10	0.10
Spain	EU Restitution Payments	0.11	0.11
Switzerland	Deficiency Payments	0.25	0.25
U.K.	EU Restitution Payments	0.13	0.13

¹ Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).

² Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 99-00005.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has issued an Export Trade Certificate of Review to California Almond Export Association, LLC ("CAEA"). This notice summarizes the conduct for which certification has been granted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morton Schnabel, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, 202-482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. Sections 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (1999).

The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA") is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Department of Commerce to publish a summary of a Certificate in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Certified Conduct

Export Trade

1. Products

California almonds in processed and unprocessed form.

2. Export Trade Facilitation Services (as They Relate to the Export of Products)

All export trade-related facilitation services, including but not limited to: development of trade strategy; sales, marketing, and distribution; foreign market development; promotion; and all aspects of foreign sales transactions, including export brokerage, freight forwarding, transportation, insurance, billing, collection, trade documentation, and foreign exchange; customs, duties, and taxes; and inspection and quality control.

Export Markets

The Export Markets include all parts of the world except the United States (the fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands).

Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation

1. CAEA, on its own behalf or on behalf of all or less than all of its Members, through CAEA or through Export Intermediaries (to the extent provided in section 1.g) may:

a. *Sales Prices.* Establish sale prices, minimum sale prices, target sale prices and/or minimum target sale prices, and other terms of sale;

b. *Marketing and Distribution.* Conduct marketing and distribution of Products;

c. *Promotion.* Conduct promotion of Products;

d. *Quantities.* Agree on quantities of Products to be sold, provided each Member shall be required to dedicate only such quantity or quantities as each such Member shall independently determine. CAEA shall not require any Member to export a minimum quantity;

e. *Market and Customer Allocation.* Allocate geographic areas or countries in the Export Markets and/or customers in the Export Markets among Members;

f. *Refusals to Deal.* Refuse to quote prices for Products, or to market or sell Products, to or for any customers in the Export Markets, or any countries or geographical areas in the Export Markets;

g. *Exclusive and Nonexclusive Export Intermediaries.* Enter into exclusive and nonexclusive agreements appointing one or more Export Intermediaries (as defined under "Definitions" paragraph 1) for the sale of Products with price, quantity, territorial and/or customer restrictions as provided in sections 1.a through 1.f, inclusive, above; and

h. *Non-Member Activities.* Purchase Products from non-Members to fulfill specific sales obligations, provided that CAEA and/or its Members shall make such purchases only on a transaction-by-transaction basis and when the Members are unable to supply, in a timely manner, the requisite Products at a price competitive under the circumstances. In no event shall a non-Member be included in any deliberations concerning any Export Trade Activities.

2. CAEA and its Members may exchange and discuss the following information:

a. Information about sale and marketing efforts for the Export Markets, activities and opportunities for sales of Products in the Export Markets, selling strategies for the Export Markets, sales for the Export Markets, contract and spot pricing in the Export Markets, projected demands in the Export Markets for Products, customary terms of sale in the Export Markets, prices and availability of Products from competitors for sale in the Export Markets, and specifications for Products by customers in the Export Markets;

b. Information about the price, quality, quantity, source, and delivery dates of Products available from the Members to export;

c. Information about terms and conditions of contracts for sale in the Export Markets to be considered and/or bid on by CAEA and its Members;

d. Information about joint bidding or selling arrangements for the Export Markets and allocations of sales resulting from such arrangements among the Members;

e. Information about expenses specific to exporting to and within the Export Markets, including without limitation, transportation, trans- or intermodal shipments, insurance, inland freights to port, port storage, commissions, export sales, documentation, financing, customs, duties, and taxes;

f. Information about U.S. and foreign legislation and regulations, including federal marketing order programs, affecting sales for the Export Markets;

g. Information about CAEA's or its Members' export operations, including without limitation, sales and distribution networks established by CAEA or its Members in the Export Markets, and prior export sales by Members (including export price information); and

h. Information about export customer credit terms and credit history.

3. CAEA and its Members may prescribe the following conditions for admission of Members to CAEA and termination of membership in CAEA:

a. Membership shall be limited to Handlers as defined under "Definitions" paragraph 2.

b. Membership shall terminate on the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

i. withdrawal or resignation of a Member;

ii. Expulsion approved by a majority of all Members for a material violation of CAEA's Operating Agreement, after prior written notice to the Member proposed to be expelled and an opportunity of such Member to appear and be heard before a meeting of the Members;