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TO: U.S. Customs Officials

FROM: Nora Weiser  
Executive Director, American Cheese Society

RE: Sending Cheeses/Dairy Products for Competition & Exhibit at the 2018 ACS Annual Conference & Competition in Pittsburgh, PA.

I am writing today to inform U.S. Customs that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Company Name)

is an official, verified participant in the 2018 ACS Annual Conference & Competition. Product for this event will be shipped to the event beginning on or around Wednesday, July 11 through August 3, 2018. We ask that the cheese and dairy product samples sent by \_\_\_\_\_ to our Conference & Competition be accepted and passed by Customs for participation in our event. The cheeses are for sample and competition only.

Now in its 35<sup>th</sup> year, the ACS Annual Conference & Competition is held in a different location each year. In 2017, ACS received 2024 entries from cheesemakers in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. This year, we are anticipating over 2000 cheeses and dairy products from our members.

Our Judging & Competition is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 23 and Tuesday, July 24. Our Annual Conference will begin on Wednesday, July 25 and will end on Saturday, July 28. Both events are set to take place at the following location:

*David L. Lawrence Convention Center  
C/O American Cheese Society  
Docks of Hall E  
1000 Fort Duquesne Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222*

The American Cheese Society (ACS) is the leading organization supporting the understanding, appreciation, and promotion of farmstead, artisan, and specialty cheeses produced in North America. Over 1,500 members strong, ACS provides advocacy, education, business development, and networking opportunities for cheesemakers, retailers, enthusiasts, and the extended industry. ACS strives to continually raise the quality and availability of cheese in North America. Learn more at <http://www.cheesesociety.org>.

I would like to thank you for allowing these cheese products to enter the U.S. for this prestigious event. If you have any questions, please contact me at [nweiser@cheesesociety.org](mailto:nweiser@cheesesociety.org) or call (720) 328-2788.

Best regards,

Nora Weiser  
Executive Director