



LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL DAIRY COMPETITION

INTERNATIONAL RULES AND SHIPPING GUIDELINES

2025 Los Angeles International Dairy Competition Date: April 12

Early Bird Deadline February 18 - Entry Deadline March 21 – Shipping Deadline April 10

Kain Marzalado, Dairy Chairman

1. Determine the dairy product you wish to enter, go to www.ladairycomp.com and click on the *Enter Dairy Competition Here* link.
2. **ENTRY FEE** ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾– Early Bird - \$45 per entry received by February 18, 2025; \$60 per entry beginning February 19, 2026 - Payment may be made by wire transfer (please send receipt of wire transfer with entry information), credit card: (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover), or U.S. check payable to: **Los Angeles County Fair Association**.

Wire Transfer Information:

Bank: Fifth Third Bank, N.A.

Bank Address: 38 Fountain Sq Plaza, Cincinnati, OH. 45202

Account Name: Los Angeles County Fair Association Fairplex General Account

1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768 USA

Beneficiary Account Number: **7029167520**

ACH/Wire Routing Number: **042000314**

Swift: **FTBCUS3C**

Bank Representative Contact: **Blanca Salcedo + 1 (630) 801-2846**

Reference: Dairy Competition

3. **SHIPPING** - International oils will be received from now until **April 10, 2025**. Shipments will be received Tuesday, April 8 through Thursday, April 10, 2025, between 9am-4pm. Shipments must be prepaid and packed in a proper container with an **adequate** amount of appropriate refrigerant (dry ice for ice cream and ice or “blue ice” for all others) to ensure samples are received at the correct temperature. ***Damaged or warm products will not be judged.*** The Los Angeles International Dairy Competition is not responsible for any shipping or customs charges. International shipments of oil must be cleared by a licensed broker with applicable importing licenses. If you have an importer, it is best to use your own importer. If you do not have an importer, you can contact Mark Newman with Accolade Brands, mark@accoladebrands.com to provide this service.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENTS REQUIRE:

Registered FDA Number: You must obtain registration with the FDA. If you have an FDA registration number, you will need this for your entry. If you need a new FDA Permit, you can go online to register, however you will need a US Agent. An Authorized US Agent is required for all new and renewed FDA Permits. Accolade Brands can assist you with this service for 180 Euros (95 Euros is for the Producer Registration and 85 Euros is for the US Agent fee) for the 2025 calendar year registration which goes through December 31, 2025. It is best to fill out the form at the end of the guidelines and email to Mark Newman, mark@accoladebrands.com. You can file for your permit; however, a US FDA Agent will have to verify the application and there will still be a fee.

<https://www.fda.gov/food/online-registration-food-facilities/food-facility-registration-user-guide-step-step-instructions-registration>.

⁽¹⁾ Entry fees are non-refundable

⁽²⁾ Entries after submitted, become property of the Los Angeles International Competition

FDA Prior Notice: Mark Newman with Accolade Brands, mark@accoladebrands.com, can assist with this service. You must file a Prior Notice with FDA online before shipping. <https://www.fda.gov/food/importing-food-products-united-states/prior-notice-imported-foods>. If you are unsure about filing the FDA Prior Notice you can contact Mark Newman at Accolade Brands to perform this service for those producers that do not have an importer or FDA US Agent. The fee for these services is stated below.

- If you do not have an importer, the Los Angeles International Dairy Competition works with Accolade Brands to clear shipments. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE ACCOLADE BRANDS TO CLEAR SHIPMENT PLEASE CONTACT MARK NEWMAN, ACCOLADE BRANDS, (818) 390-3888 FEDERAL TTB IMPORT LICENSE # CA-I-15220. EMAIL MARK@ACCOLADEBRANDS.COM BEFORE SHIPPING.** Payment must be prepaid by credit card through PayPal to Accolade Brands. Your shipping documents should indicate that you will pay for all Customs Charges. If you do not properly designate that you will pay the customs fee, your customs fees must be paid by credit card or wire transfer within 72 hours from billing.

CONSIGNEE: ACCOLADE BRANDS INC.
IN CARE OF: LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL DAIRY COMPETITION
1101 W. MCKINLEY AVENUE
POMONA, CA 91768 USA
Phone 818-390-3888

Accolade Brands – Fees:

FDA Prior Notice – 25 Euros per Company

FDA Food Facility Registration – 95 Euros per Company (this is only needed if you have not previously registered with the FDA)

FDA Agent Filing – 85 Euros per year per Company. FDA requires that you have a USA Agent. The permit is issued for the one remaining calendar year through December 31, 2025. This is required by FDA for your shipment to legally arrive in the U.S. Permits issued in 2022 & 2024, will automatically be renewed in December 2024 for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025. The renewal will be 85 Euros per year for a total of 170 Euros. FDA also requires a UFA (Unique Facility Identifier) DUNS number. The fee for the UFI number is 25 Euros.

Customs Charges, Taxes & Duty are to be paid by each producer.

Contact: Mark Newman, Email: mark@accoladebrands.com, Fax: 818.683.0413

Phone: 818.390.3888

- Please complete a Proforma Invoice. **YOU MUST DESIGNATE THAT YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL U.S. CUSTOMS CHARGES ON YOUR INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING DOCUMENTS OR AIRWAY BILL.** Accolade Brands is not responsible for U.S. Customs & Brokerage Charges and if this is not done properly, your shipment could be delayed until we receive payment for these charges. If the shipment is large enough for commercial airfreight, we must collect estimated tax, duty, and customs charges in advance. The commercial value for samples is typically one Euro per product and this should be stated on a pro-forma invoice.

Option 1: Use UPS, FedEx, or DHL. Please charge your FedEx, UPS or DHL Account and must include payment of all Customs Charges. The shipment must be DDP, Tax and Duty to be paid the producer. We require a credit card number just in case you have not completed the shipping forms correctly and you will only be billed for any excess charges or taxes that are billed to our account for your shipment.

Option 2: Airline airfreight or DHL. This is usually a more expensive option than UPS or FedEx.

- **All bottles must carry a statement these products are “TRADE SAMPLES – Not for Resale”.**

4. The Los Angeles International Dairy Competition is April 12, 2025.
5. **April 21, 2025**, the competition results will be posted on the website www.LADairyComp.com. The Los Angeles International Dairy Competition offers award seals for purchase.
6. **May 2 - 26, 2025**, the Los Angeles County Fair takes place. A display of all award-winning dairy products, wines, spirits, extra virgin olive oils, tasting of gold medal wines, extra virgin oils, and education seminars take place in the Los Angeles International Wine, Spirits & Beer Marketplace.
7. **All samples entered for competition become property of the Los Angeles International Dairy Competition.**