

Cheddar Cheese

Ninety-four of the countries included in this study imposed import duties and/or other entry charges on Cheddar cheese. On the average, these amounted to 25.40 cents per pound.

Mexico imposed the highest duty on this product. The "official valuation" for customs purposes was 32 pesos per kilogram, equal to \$1.16 per pound. This value, being higher than the invoice value, was taken as the base, to which the ad valorem rate of 110 percent was applied. This ad valorem duty plus the specific duty of 20 pesos per kilogram--about 73 cents per pound--add up to \$2.00 per pound. A surtax of 3 percent of the total duty brought the final entry charge to \$2.06 per pound.

The U.S. duty of 15 percent ad valorem was its only entry fee on imports of Cheddar cheese.

Only six countries admitted this product free of duty or other entry charges.

