INTERNATIONAL CHEESE AWARDS RETAILER DAIRY AWARDS & RULES

AWARDS

CHEESE ONLY RC1 – RC89 SUPREME RETAIL CHEESE AWARD The Supreme Retail 'Cheese' of the Year will be awarded to the best overall gold winning cheese, judged on their individual merits. The WIPAK Trophy for the overall Supreme Retail Cheese of the Year, kindly sponsored by WIPAK. RY1 **Retail Cheddar Cheese 2024** Gold Winners from Classes RC1 – RC10 go forward for this award RY₂ Retail Territorial Cheese 2024 Gold Winners from Classes RC12 - RC20 go forward for this award RY₃ **Retail Blue Cheese 2024** Gold Winners from Classes RC21 - RC28 go forward for this award RY4 **Retail Goat Cheese 2024** Gold Winners from Classes RC29 – RC30 go forward for this award RY5 **Retail Sheep Cheese 2024** Gold Winners from Classes RC31 - RC32 go forward for this award RY6 **Retail Soft Cheese 2024** Gold Winners from Classes RC33 - RC42 go forward for this award RY7 **Retail Continental Cheese 2024** Gold Winners from Classes RC45 – RC64 go forward for this award RY8 **Retail Additive and Smoked Cheese 2024** Gold Winners from Classes RC67 – RC72 go forward for this award RY9 **Retail Convenience Cheese 2024** Gold Winners from Classes RC83 – RC88 go forward for this award NON-CHEESE ONLY - RC90 - RC123 SUPREME RETAIL DAIRY PRODUCE OF THE YEAR AWARD The Supreme Retail 'Dairy Produce' of the year, will be awarded to the best overall gold winning dairy produce from RY10 to RY14, judged on their individual merits. The IFF Trophy for the overall Supreme Retail 'Dairy Produce' of the year, kindly sponsored by IFF. **RY10** Retail Milk 2024 Gold Winners from Classes RC90 – RC95 go forward for this award **RY11 Retail Butter 2024** Gold Winners from Classes RC97 – RC101 go forward for this award **RY12 Retail Cream 2024** Gold Winners from Classes RC102 – RC109 go forward for this award

RY13

Retail Yogurt 2024

Gold Winners from Classes RC110 – RC120 go forward for this award

RY14

Retail Ice Cream 2024

Gold Winners from Classes RC121 – RC123 go forward for this award

ALL PRODUCTS:

• CHAMPION RETAILER FOR THE RETAILER ACCUMULATING MOST POINTS IN THE COMPETITION. The ICDA Retailer Award for the most points accumulated during the competition across Gold, Silver and Bronze positions awarded, will be announced at the Trade Day Lunch. This award is a recognition and measure of consistency of quality of a specific retailer, across all classes.

Entries are limited to 1 entry per class.

Classes RC1 to RC123 are open to Retailer Own Label Products Only.

GUIDE FOR RETAIL COMPETITIORS

Own label Pre-Packed, Grab and Go, Counter or deli products (including random weight products) may be entered, but they <u>must carry the Retailer branding</u>.

Disqualification at any stage of the competition or afterwards can be applied at the discretion of the Show Committee.

Exhibitors must nominate which classes and varieties they wish to enter and then the samples will be purchased from retailer stores by an independent organisation.

Please note we cannot accept seasonal products being entered; all entries must be available in store and must be available for purchase commercially at least 6 months prior to the date of judging and/or up to 6 months after the date of judging.

Entries cannot be submitted on day of Show or prior by entrants. Late entries can be allocated, by exception, and by prior arrangement of the show committee.

The Committee reserves the right to move entries into the correct class if products have been incorrectly entered and to exclude any product unavailable for purchase prior to the Show.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Are supplier brands acceptable for entry into any class? Any product entered must carry the Retailer's name. It is possible for a brand to be entered, only if it has the retailers name on it.
- Are the supplier branded cheese entries, freshly cut from the Counter, grab & go products and own label pre pack all permissible and will they carry equal weight for each class? Supplier branded entries must carry the Retailers branding. All cheese will be judged on their own merit and ultimately the winning cheese in its category will go through to the next judging stage, as is the case for the rest of the competition. It is possible for any entered product, to win if it's the best product of its type.
- Is the intention for the nominated independent organisation to purchase <u>two</u> samples of each cheese entry from store (the same as this year)? Yes, the purchase of the cheese will be identical to previous years.
- Will the stewards ensure that all forms of identification are removed prior to judging? The process will remain the same as in previous years. The sample for judging will be in plain wrap and the product for consumer and award display after announcement of results, will carry the label details.