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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 319

[Docket No. 03-022-6]

RIN 0579-AB81

Mexican Hass Avocado Import Program

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: We are correcting an error in the rule portion of our final rule amending the fruits and vegetables regulations to expand the number of States in which fresh Hass avocado fruit grown in approved orchards in approved municipalities in Michoacan, Mexico, may be distributed and to allow the distribution of the avocados during all months of the year. The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2004 (69 FR 69747– 69774, Docket No. 03–022–5), and became effective on January 31, 2005. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 31, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karen Bedigian, Import Specialist, Phytosanitary Issues Management Team, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 140, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; (301) 734– 6799.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2004 (69 FR 69747–69774, Docket No. 03–022–5), and effective on January 31, 2005, we amended the fruits and vegetable regulations in 7 CFR part 319 to expand the number of States in which fresh Hass avocado fruit grown in approved orchards in approved municipalities in Michoacan, Mexico, may be distributed and to allow the distribution of the avocados during all months of the year.

In the rule portion of the final rule, it was our intention to amend paragraph (a) of § 319.56–2ff by revising paragraph (a)(2) and by removing paragraph (a)(3). These changes were discussed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the final rule, and the text of revised (a)(2) was presented in the rule portion of the final rule along with the other changes made to § 319.56–2ff. However, we inadvertently failed to include a specific amendatory instruction directing the revision of paragraph (a)(2) and the removal of paragraph (a)(3). This document corrects that error.

PART 319—[CORRECTED]

■ In FR Doc. 04–26336, published on November 30, 2004 (69 FR 69747– 69774), make the following correction:

§319.56-2ff [Corrected]

■ 1. On page 69773, in the amendments to 7 CFR part 319, in instruction 3 for § 319.56–2ff, an instruction h. is added to read as follows:

■ h. By revising paragraph (a)(2) to read as set forth below and removing paragraph (a)(3).

Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of February 2005.

Elizabeth E. Gaston,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. [FR Doc. 05–2668 Filed 2–9–05; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3410–34–P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 923

[Docket No. FV04-923-1 FR]

Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Establishment of Minimum Size and Maturity Requirements for Lightly Colored Sweet Cherry Varieties

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule establishes a minimum size requirement of 11-row size (⁶¹/₆₄-inch diameter) and a minimum maturity requirement of 17 percent soluble solids for all lightly colored sweet cherry varieties shipped to fresh markets under the Washington

sweet cherry marketing order. This rule was recommended by the Washington Cherry Marketing Committee (Committee), the agency responsible for local administration of the marketing order. Previously, only the Rainier variety of lightly colored sweet cherries met these requirements. This rule is intended to enhance the quality and image of all lightly colored sweet cherry varieties shipped to the fresh market, thereby increasing sales and improving returns to producers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Teresa L. Hutchinson, Marketing Specialist, Northwest Marketing Field Office, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1220 SW., Third Avenue, Suite 385, Portland, OR 97204; telephone: (503) 326–2724; Fax: (503) 326–7440; or George J. Kelhart, Technical Advisor, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; telephone: (202) 720–2491; Fax: (202) 720–8938.

Small businesses may request information on complying with this regulation by contacting Jay Guerber, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0237, Washington, DC 20250–0237; telephone: (202) 720– 2491, Fax: (202) 720–8938, or e-mail: Jay.Guerber@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This final rule is issued under Marketing Agreement and Order No. 923 (7 CFR part 923) regulating the handling of sweet cherries grown in designated counties in Washington, hereinafter referred to as the "order." The order is effective under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (7 U.S.C. 601–674), hereinafter referred to as the "Act."

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) is issuing this rule in conformance with Executive Order 12866.

This final rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule is not intended to have retroactive effect. This rule will not preempt any State or local laws, regulations, or policies, unless they