

The provisions of paragraph (a)(i) of the Additional U.S. Note 5, Chapter 17 in the HTS authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the in-quota TRQ amounts (expressed in terms of raw value) for imports of raw cane sugar and certain sugars, syrups, and molasses that may be entered under the subheadings of the HTS subject to the lower tier of duties of the TRQs for entry during each fiscal year. The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) is responsible for the allocation of these quantities among supplying countries and areas.

Section 359(k) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended requires that at the beginning of the quota year the Secretary of Agriculture establish the TRQs for raw cane sugar and refined sugars at the minimum levels necessary to comply with obligations under international trade agreements, with the exception of specialty sugar.

Notice is hereby given that I have determined, in accordance with paragraph (a)(i) of the Additional U.S. Note 5, Chapter 17 in the HTS and section 359(k) of the 1938 Act, that an aggregate quantity of up to 1,117,195 MTRV of raw cane sugar described in subheading 1701.11.10 of the HTS may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during FY 2012 (October 1, 2011–September 30, 2012). This is the minimum amount to which the United States is committed under the WTO Uruguay Round Agreements. I have further determined that an aggregate quantity of 112,718 MTRV of sugars, syrups, and molasses described in subheadings 1701.12.10, 1701.91.10, 1701.99.10, 1702.90.10, and 2106.90.44 may be entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during FY 2012. Of this quantity of 112,718 MTRV, the quantity of 92,374 MTRV is reserved for the importation of specialty sugars as defined by the USTR. The total of 112,718 MTRV includes the 22,000 MTRV minimum level necessary to comply with U.S. WTO Uruguay Round commitments, of which 1,656 MTRV is reserved for specialty sugar. Because the specialty sugar TRQ is first-come, first-served, tranches are needed to allow for orderly marketing throughout the year. The FY 2012 specialty sugar TRQ will be opened in five tranches. The first tranche, totaling 1,656 MTRV, will open October 12, 2011. All specialty sugars are eligible for entry under this tranche. The second tranche will open on October 26, 2011, and be equal to 33,565 MTRV. The remaining tranches will each be equal to 19,051 MTRV, with the third opening on January 11, 2012; the

fourth, on April 11, 2012; and the fifth, on July 11, 2012. The second, third, fourth, and fifth tranches will be reserved for organic sugar and other specialty sugars not currently produced commercially in the United States or reasonably available from domestic sources.

* Conversion factor: 1 metric ton = 1.10231125 short tons.

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Under Secretary, Acting Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2011-0031]

Notice of Availability of Pest Risk Analyses for the Importation of Fresh Pitaya and Pomegranates From Mexico Into the Continental United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have prepared pest risk analyses that evaluate the risks associated with the importation into the continental United States of fresh pitaya and pomegranates from Mexico. Based on these analyses, we believe that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the importation of fresh pitaya and pomegranates from Mexico. We are making the pest risk analyses available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before October 3, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#/documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0031-0001>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2011-0031, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#/documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0031> or

in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Marc Phillips, Regulatory Policy Specialist, Regulations, Permits, and Import Manuals, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-4394.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in “Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–50, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits or restricts the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent plant pests from being introduced into and spread within the United States.

Section 319.56–4 contains a performance-based process for approving the importation of commodities that, based on the findings of a pest-risk analysis, can be safely imported subject to one or more of the designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section.

APHIS received requests from the Government of Mexico to allow the importation of fresh pitaya (*Hylocereus* spp.) and pomegranates (*Punica granatum* L.) into the continental United States. We have completed pest lists for these commodities to identify pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of importation into the continental United States and, based on these lists, have prepared risk management documents to identify phytosanitary measures that could be applied to fresh pitaya and pomegranates from Mexico to mitigate the pest risk. We have concluded that fresh pitaya and pomegranates can be safely imported into the continental United States from Mexico using one or more of the five designated phytosanitary measures listed in § 319.56–4(b). These measures are:

- The pitaya and pomegranates may be imported into the continental United States in commercial consignments only.

- The pitaya and pomegranates must be irradiated in accordance with 7 CFR part 305 with a minimum absorbed dose of 150 Gy.

- If the irradiation treatment is applied outside the United States, each consignment of fruit must be jointly inspected by APHIS and the national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Mexico and accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (PC) attesting that the fruit received the required irradiation treatment.

- If the irradiation treatment is applied upon arrival in the United States, each consignment of fruit must be inspected by the NPPO of Mexico prior to departure. For consignments of pitaya, the inspection must include a sampling procedure mutually agreed upon by APHIS and the NPPO of Mexico.

- For consignments of pitaya, the PC must also include an additional declaration stating that the consignment was inspected and found free of *Milax* spp., *Dysmicoccus neobrevipes*, *Euschistus servus*, *Maracayia chlorisalis*, and *Planococcus minor*. For pomegranates, the PC must also include an additional declaration stating that the consignment was inspected and found free of Aleyrodidae, Coccidae, and Pseudococcidae.

- The commodity is subject to inspection at the U.S. ports of entry.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56–4(c), we are announcing the availability of our pest risk analyses for public review and comment. The pest risk analyses may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the pest risk analyses by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the subject of the pest risk analysis you wish to review when requesting copies.

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the import status of fresh pitaya and pomegranates from Mexico in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of the analysis and the Administrator's determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will authorize the importation of fresh pitaya and pomegranates from Mexico into the continental United States subject to the requirements specified in the risk management documents.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 450, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 28th day of July 2011.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee (LTFAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee will meet in Incline Village, NV. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to provide updates on the 2011 Tahoe Summit held on August 16, 2011 and the Southern Nevada Public Management Act Executives meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 23, 2011, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Science, 291 Country Club Drive, Incline Village, NV 89451.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Please call ahead to (530) 543–2773 to facilitate entry into the building to view comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arla Hains, Administrative Assistant to the Forest Supervisor, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, (530) 543–2773, ashains@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday. Requests for reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings may be made by contacting the person listed **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following business will be conducted: (1) The Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Round 12 secondary list; (2) the role of the LTFAC in the future, and (3) public comment. The full agenda may be previewed at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ltbmu/LTFAC. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by August 18, 2011 to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, or by e-mail to ashains@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to (530) 543–2739.

A summary of the meeting will be posted at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ltbmu/LTFAC> within 21 days of the meeting.

Dated: July 27, 2011.

Jeff Marsolais,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.