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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Department of Agriculture (USDA) [1255] <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b> Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point Email: <a href="mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov">usatbtep@nist.gov</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other: X</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Shelled walnuts. – Walnuts (HS: 08023). Fruits. Vegetables (ICS: 67.080)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> U.S. Standards for Grades of Shelled Walnuts and Walnuts in the Shell (4 pages, in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposes to revise the U.S. Standards for Grades of Shelled Walnuts and the U.S. Standards for Grades of Walnuts in the Shell. AMS proposes to include red colored walnuts. In addition, AMS proposes to remove the "Unclassified" section. The changes will modernize the standards, and meet growing consumer demand by providing greater marketing flexibility.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> 81 Federal Register (FR) 85164, 25 November 2016; Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 51. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> To be determined
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 24 January 2017
<b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b> <a href="https://members.wto.org/cnattachments/2016/TBT/USA/16_4927_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/cnattachments/2016/TBT/USA/16_4927_00_e.pdf</a>