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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 7 May 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

Final Rule: Importation of Cape Gooseberry From Colombia (Docket No APHIS-2012-0038)

The Animal and Plant Health Service (APHIS) is amending the fruits and vegetables regulations to allow the importation of cape gooseberry from Colombia into the United States. As a condition of entry, cape gooseberry from Colombia must be subject to a systems approach that includes requirements for establishment of pest-free places of production and the labeling of boxes prior to shipping. The cape gooseberry also must be imported in commercial consignments and accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the national plant protection organization of Colombia certifying that the fruit has been produced in accordance with the systems approach. This action allows for the importation of cape gooseberry from Colombia into the United States while continuing to provide protection against the introduction of plant pests.

This notice is available in English at: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2012-0038-0006>.

Federal Register Volume 79, No. 85, Friday, 2 May 2014, pages 24995-24997.

On 16 August 2013, we published in the Federal Register (78 FR 49972-49975, Docket No. APHIS-2012-0038) a proposed rule to authorize the importation of cape gooseberry from Colombia into the United States without cold treatment, provided that the cape gooseberry were produced in accordance with a systems approach consisting of the following requirements: Production in pest-free areas of production in the Bogota Savannah or the neighboring municipalities above 2,200 meters of elevation in the Departments of Boyacá and Cundinamarca; importation in commercial consignments only; labeling of boxes; phytosanitary inspection; and issuance of a phytosanitary certificate. We solicited comments concerning our proposal for 60 days ending 15 October 2013. We received two comments by that date.

This addendum concerns a:

- ☐ Modification of final date for comments
- ☒ Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- ☐ Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- ☐ Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- ☐ Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- ☐ Other:

Comment period: *(If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)*

☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): This rule is effective 2 June 2014.

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National Notification Authority, ☐ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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