

We estimate the paperwork and time burden of the above referenced information collection to be as follows:

Form FV-211, Application for License: average of .25 hours per application per response.

Form FV-231-1 (or 231-1A, or 231-2, or 231-2A), Application for Renewal or Reinstatement of License: Average of .05 hours per application per response.

Regulations Section 46.13—Letters to Notify USDA of Changes in Business Operations: Average of .05 hours per notice per response.

Regulations Section 46.4—Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization and Operating Agreement: Average of .083 hours with approximately 220 recordkeepers.

Regulations Section 46.18—Record of Produce Received: Average of 5 hours with approximately 18,400 recordkeepers.

Regulations Section 46.20—Records Reflecting Lot Numbers: Average of 8.25 hours with approximately 1,000 recordkeepers.

Regulations Section 46.46(d)(2)—Waiver of Rights to Trust Protection: Average of .25 hours per notice with approximately 100 principals.

Regulations Sections 46.46(f) and 46.2(aa)(11)—Copy of Written Agreement Reflecting Times for Payment: Average of 20 hours with approximately 2,670 recordkeepers.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.9704 hours per response.

Respondents: Commission merchants, dealers, and brokers engaged in the business of buying, selling, or negotiating the purchase or sale of commercial quantities of fresh and/or frozen fruits and vegetables in interstate or foreign commerce are required to be licensed under the PACA (7 U.S.C. 499(c)(a)).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 14,686.

Estimated Number of Responses: 38,984.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.6545.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 153,650.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Dexter Thomas, Senior Marketing Specialist, PACA Branch, F & V Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2095—So. Bldg., Mail Stop 0242, Washington, DC 20250-0242. E-mail—dexter.thomas@usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 30, 2007.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket # AMS-FV-2006-0199; FV-07-301]

United States Standards for Grades of Mangos

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is soliciting comments on a proposed revision to the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Mangos. USDA received a request from a member of the industry to revise the definition of “well trimmed.” The change could benefit the fresh mango industry by improving fruit appearance and extending shelf life.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 6, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 1661 South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240; Fax (202) 720-8871, or Internet: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments should make reference to the dates and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours. The United States Standards for Grades of

Mangos are available either through the address cited above or by accessing the AMS, Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fvstand.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheri L. Emery, at the above address, telephone number (202) 720-2185, or e-mail address Cheri.Emery@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627), as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture “To develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices.” AMS is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables that are not requirements of Federal Marketing Orders or U.S. Import Requirements, no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations, but are maintained by USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS proposed to revise the voluntary United States Standards for Mangos using the procedures that appear in Part 36, Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36). The standards were developed February 2006.

Background

AMS received a petition from a grower/packer/importer requesting a revision to the United States Standards for Grades of Mangos. The petitioner requested a revision to the definition of “well trimmed.” The standards currently define “well trimmed” as: “the stem is neatly clipped or broken off at a point not more than ½ inch beyond the point of attachment”. The petitioner requested an increase to the allowable length of the attached stem to 1 inch from the point of attachment. The petitioner stated a change is warranted because a longer stem, up to 1 inch in length, would permit healing of the stem end and reduce the amount of latex that leaks out of the fruit. The petitioner further stated incidences of “sunken stem end” would be reduced significantly by allowing a longer stem. A revision to the definition would read as follows: “Well trimmed” means the stem is neatly clipped or broken off at a point not more than 1 inch beyond the point of attachment.

The official grade of a lot of mangos covered by these standards will be determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification, and Standards of Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Other Products (7 CFR 51.1 to 51.61).

AMS is soliciting comments on the proposed revision to the United States Standards for Grades of Mangos. This notice provides for a 60-day comment period for interested parties to comment on the requested change to the standards.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627.

Dated: January 30, 2007.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket # AMS–FV–2007–0003; FV–06–307]

United States Standards for Grades of Mushrooms

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is withdrawing the notice soliciting comments on its proposal to amend the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Mushrooms. After reviewing and considering the comments received, the Agency has decided not to proceed with this action.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 5, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vincent J. Fusaro, Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720–2185.

Background

At a meeting with the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee, AMS was asked to review all the fresh fruit and vegetable grade standards for their usefulness in serving the industry. AMS had identified the United States Standards for Grades of Mushrooms for a possible revision. The United States Standards for Grades of Mushrooms were last amended July 15, 1966.

On May 26, 2006, a notice requesting comments on the possible revision of the standards to allow the standards to be used for open veil types of mushrooms; include small, medium,

and large size classifications for open veil types of mushrooms; revise the current size classifications (small to medium and large) as well as an addition of a button and jumbo size for the closed veil types of mushrooms; and eliminate the unclassified category was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 30366) with the comment period ending July 25, 2006.

Two comments were received during the official period for comment. One comment from a consumer raised a number of concerns, including establishing new standards for fungi for consumption. Another comment from a national trade association representing domestic growers, buyer/shippers and processors of mushrooms, and those who provide services to the mushroom industry did not support revising the standard, stating that there was no consensus among growers, shippers, or customers as to industry-wide terms such as button, small, medium, large, or jumbo. This comment also questioned the use of the term “open veiled” and whether all such varieties would be covered by the proposed standards. Developing new standards for fungi for consumption is beyond the scope of what AMS proposed. Further, given the comment concerning the lack of consensus among the industry concerning the size terminology, we believe that the standards should not be changed at this time.

After reviewing and considering the comments received, the Agency has decided not to proceed with the action. Therefore, the notice published May 26, 2006, (71 FR 30366) is withdrawn.

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Dated: January 30, 2007.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket # AMS–FV–2006–0204; FV–06–316]

United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona) and/or United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona)

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is withdrawing the notice soliciting comments on its

proposal to amend the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona) and/or United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona). After reviewing and considering the comment received, the Agency has decided not to proceed with this action.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 5, 2007

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheri L. Emery, Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1661 South Building, STOP 0240, Washington, DC 20250–0240, Fax (202) 720–8871 or call (202) 720–2185; E-mail

Cheri.Emery@usda.gov. The United States Standards for Grades of Oranges and/or United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit are available either through the address cited above or by accessing the AMS, Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/standards/stanfjfv.htm>.

Background

AMS had identified the United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona) and/or United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona) for possible revisions to reflect current marketing trends. The standards were last revised in 1999. On August 25, 2006, AMS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 50383) soliciting comments on any possible revisions to the United States Standards for Grades of Oranges (California and Arizona) and/or United States Standards for Grades of Grapefruit (California and Arizona). The comment period ended October 24, 2006.

During that sixty-day comment period, one comment was received. A California growers' association asked AMS not to proceed with any changes to the orange standards at this time because it was engaged in a consumer research project specific to grades and standards that will continue to run an additional two years. There were no comments concerning any revisions to the grapefruit standards. The comment is available by accessing AMS, Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbdoctlist.htm>.

After reviewing and considering the comment received, the Agency has decided not to proceed with the action. Therefore, the notice published August 25, 2006, (71 FR 50383) is withdrawn.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621–1627.