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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

#### 7 CFR Part 319

[Docket No. 97-065-2]

RIN 0579-AA93

#### Importation of Fuji Variety Apples From the Republic of Korea

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of reopening and extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We are reopening and extending the comment period for our proposed rule that would amend the fruit and vegetable import regulations to allow Fuji variety apples grown in certified orchards within approved production areas in the Republic of Korea to be imported into the United States without treatment, under certain conditions designed to mitigate pest risk. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

**DATES:** We invite you to comment on Docket No. 97-065-1. We will consider all comments that we receive by October 23, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send your comment and three copies to: Docket No. 97-065-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 97-065-1.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room 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.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis J. Hannapel, Co-Director of Asia and Pacific, Phytosanitary Issues Management, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 140, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-4308.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On April 26, 2000, we published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 24423-24429, Docket No. 97-065-1) a proposal to amend the regulations governing the importation of fruits and vegetables, contained in 7 CFR part 319. We proposed to allow Fuji variety apples grown in certified orchards within approved production areas in the Republic of Korea to be imported into the United States, without treatment, under conditions designed to prevent the introduction into the United States of the peach fruit moths (*Carposina sasakii* and *C. niponensis*), the yellow peach moth (*Conogethes punctiferalis*), the fruit tree spider mite (*Tetranychus viennensis*), and the kanzawa mite (*T. kanzawai*). The conditions to which the proposed importation of Fuji variety apples would be subject, including pest risk-reducing cultural practices, packinghouse procedures, and inspection and shipping procedures, would reduce the risk of pest introduction to an insignificant level.

Comments on the proposed rule were required to be received on or before June 26, 2000. Several commenters have requested that we extend the comment period on Docket No. 97-065-1 to allow additional time for members of the public to review the proposed rule and to submit comments. In response to these requests, we are reopening and extending the comment period on Docket No. 97-065-1 until October 23, 2000. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments. Comments already received concerning the proposed importation of Fuji variety apples from the Republic of Korea will remain under consideration and need not be resubmitted.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of August 2000.

**Bobby R. Acord,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Part 2

RIN 3150-AG44

#### Licensing Proceedings for the Receipt of High-Level Radioactive Waste at a Geologic Repository: Licensing Support Network, Design Standards for Participating Websites

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its Rules of Practice applicable to the use of the Licensing Support Network (LSN) for the licensing proceeding on the disposal of high-level waste (HLW) at a geologic repository. The proposed amendments would establish the basic data structure and transfer standards ("design standards") that LSN participant websites must use to make documentary material available. The proposed amendments would also clarify the authority of the LSN Administrator to establish guidance for LSN participants on how best to meet the design standards and to review participant designs for compliance with the standards. Finally, the proposed amendments would clarify the timing of participant compliance certifications.

**DATES:** Submit comments October 6, 2000. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff.

Deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm on Federal workdays.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking