

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2010-0058]

Notice of Decision To Issue Permits for the Importation of Sweet Limes From Mexico Into the Continental United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our decision to begin issuing permits for the importation into the continental United States of sweet limes from Mexico. Based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, which we made available to the public for review and comment through a previous notice, 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 sweet limes from Mexico.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 17, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Lamb, Import Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-0627.

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 spreading within the United States. Under that process, APHIS may publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of a pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the importation of a particular fruit or vegetable. Following the close of the 60-day comment period, APHIS may begin issuing permits for importation of the fruit or vegetable subject to the risk-mitigation measures identified in the pest risk analysis if: (1) No comments were received on the pest risk analysis; (2) the comments on the pest risk analysis revealed that no changes to the pest risk analysis were necessary; or (3) changes to the pest risk analysis were made in response to public comments,

but the changes did not affect the overall conclusions of the analysis and the Administrator’s determination of risk.

In accordance with that process, we published a notice¹ in the **Federal Register** on June 10, 2010 (75 FR 32900-32901, Docket No. APHIS-2010-0058), in which we announced the availability, for review and comment, of a pest risk analysis evaluating the risks associated with the importation into the continental United States of sweet limes from Mexico. We solicited comments on the notice for 60 days ending on August 9, 2010. We received one comment by that date, from a State agricultural agency. The commenter concurred with the findings of our pest risk analysis.

Therefore, in accordance with the regulations in § 319.56-4(c)(2)(ii), we are announcing our decision to begin issuing permits for the importation into the continental United States of sweet limes from Mexico provided that:

- The sweet limes may be imported into the United States in commercial consignments only.
- The sweet limes must be irradiated with 7 CFR part 305 with a minimum absorbed dose of 150 Gy.
- Each shipment of sweet limes must be inspected by the Mexican national plant protection organization and accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate attesting that the fruit received the required irradiation treatment and bearing an additional declaration that states that the fruit was inspected in the packinghouse and found free of *Brevipalpus californicus*, *B. phoenicus*, *Diaphorina citri*, and *Coniothecium scabrum*.

These conditions will be listed in the Fruits and Vegetables Import Requirements database (available at (<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/favir>)). In addition to these specific measures, sweet limes from Mexico will be subject to the general requirements listed in § 319.56-3 that are applicable to the importation of all fruits and vegetables.

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 13th day of September 2010.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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¹To view the notice, the pest risk analysis, and the comment we received, go to (<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2010-0058>).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Precanvass Operation for the 2012 Economic Census Commodity Flow Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0921.

Form Number(s): CFS-0001(2012).

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change of an expired collection.

Burden Hours: 8,333.

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Average Hours per Response: 5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the 2012 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS) as a part of the quinquennial Economic Census. In advance of the 2012 CFS, we will conduct a Precanvass (Advance Mailing), which is the subject of this request. The information collected in the 2012 CFS Precanvass will be used to improve the 2012 CFS universe and sampling quality and efficiency, and provide contact information for the selected establishments, reducing the cost and improving the timeliness of data collection for the 2012 CFS.

The CFS, a component of the Economic Census, is the only comprehensive source of multi-modal, system-wide data on the volume and pattern of goods movement in the United States. The CFS is conducted in partnership with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Research and Innovative Technologies (RITA), U.S. Department of Transportation. The 2012 CFS will be the subject of a separate Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance submission in the Spring of 2011.

The 2012 CFS Precanvass will be mailed to auxiliary establishments, and establishments expected to be selected with certainty in the 2012 CFS. It will also include selected small establishments from industries with a high incidence of non-shipping locations.

All information collected in the Precanvass will be used internally to improve the 2012 CFS universe and mail-out processing. Each establishment in the Precanvass is asked to verify shipping activity for that particular physical location. The Precanvass