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#### **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2021-0041]

Notice of Proposed Revision to Requirements for the Importation of Plums From Chile Into the United States

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. **ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that we have prepared a commodity import evaluation document (CIED) relative to the importation into the United States of plums from Chile. Chile plums are currently subject to irradiation, either in Chile or in the United States, as a mitigation for European grapevine moth (EGVM) Based on the findings of the CIED, in addition to the option of irradiation, we are also proposing to authorize the importation of plums from Chile under a systems approach for EGVM, as well as an option for fumigation with methyl bromide. We are making the CIED available to the public for review and

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before January 3, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS—2021—0041 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.
- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2021-0041, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at www.regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in room 1620 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) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Claudia Ferguson, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, Regulatory Coordination and Compliance, Imports, Regulations, and Manuals, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 851–2352; claudia.ferguson@usda.gov.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### **Background**

Under the regulations in "Subpart L—Fruits and Vegetables" (7 CFR 319.56—1 through 319.56—12, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) 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 or disseminated within the United States.

Section 319.56–4 of the regulations provides the requirements for authorizing the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States, as well as revising existing requirements for the importation of fruits and vegetables. Paragraph (c) of that section provides that the name and origin of all fruits and vegetables authorized importation into the United States, as well as the requirements for their importation, are listed on the internet in APHIS' Fruits and Vegetables Import Requirements database, or FAVIR (https://epermits.aphis.usda.gov/ manual). It also provides that, if the Administrator of APHIS determines that any of the phytosanitary measures required for the importation of a particular fruit or vegetable are no longer necessary to reasonably mitigate the plant pest risk posed by the fruit or vegetable, APHIS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** making its pest risk documentation and determination available for public comment.

Chile plums (*Prunus domestica*) are currently listed in FAVIR as authorized

for importation into the United States; however, the requirements for such imports have recently changed. Following detections during preclearance inspections in Chile of European grapevine moth (EGVM; Lobesia botrana) larvae and pupae in plums intended for shipment to the United States, on April 1, 2021, APF issued a Federal Order (DA-2021-04) 1 modifying the requirements for such imports to prevent the introduction of EGVM. The Federal Order required plums exported to the United States from Chile to be irradiated with a minimum absorbed dose of 400 Gy upon arrival in the United States or subjected to methyl bromide fumigation that was conducted in Chile under an APHIS preclearance program. The allowance for methyl bromide fumigation provided for in the Federal Order ended on May 31, 2021.

The national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Chile has requested that APHIS revise the import requirements for plums from Chile to the United States to allow for alternative mitigations to address EGVM other than irradiation. In response to this request from the NPPO,  $\bar{\text{APHIS}}$  prepared a commodity import evaluation document (CIED) titled "Importation of Fresh Plums and Plum hybrids (Prunus domestica) from Chile into the United States using a systems approach to mitigate for European Grapevine Moth (Lobesia botrana)." The CIED recommends that, in addition to irradiation, the EGVM risk associated with the importation of plums from Chile could also be mitigated by a systems approach or by methyl bromide fumigation in Chile or at the port of entry in the United States.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56–4(c), we are announcing the availability of our CIED for public review and comment. This document, as well as a description of the economic considerations associated with alternatives to the irradiation requirement, may be viewed on the Regulations.gov website or in our reading room (see ADDRESSES above for a link to Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To view the Federal Order, go to: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\_export/plants/plant\_imports/federal\_order/downloads/2021/da-2021-04.pdf.

paper copies of these documents by calling or writing to the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Please refer to the subject of the analysis you wish to review when requesting copies.

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding whether to revise the requirements for the importation of plums from Chile in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of our analysis and the Administrator's determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will revise the requirements for the importation of plums from Chile as described in this notice.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1633, 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 28th day of October 2021.

#### Mark Davidson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### Census Bureau

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2022 Commodity Flow Survey

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 23, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

Title: 2022 Commodity Flow Survey. OMB Control Number: 0607–0932. Form Number(s): CFS–1000.

Type of Request: Regular submission, Request for a Reinstatement, with

Change, of a Previously Approved Collection.

Number of Respondents: 160,000. Average Hours per Response: Quarters 1 and 4–2.5 hours; Quarters 2 and 3–1.5 hours.

Burden Hours: 1,280,000.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the 2022 Commodity Flow Survey (CFS), a component of the 2022 Economic Census, as it 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), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), U.S. Department of Transportation.

The survey provides a crucial set of statistics on the value, weight, mode, and distance of commodities shipped by mining, manufacturing, wholesale, and selected retail and services establishments, as well as auxiliary establishments that support these industries. The Census Bureau will publish these shipment characteristics for the nation, census regions and divisions, states, and CFS defined geographic areas. As with the 2017 Commodity Flow Survey, this survey also identifies export, hazardous material, and temperature-controlled shipments.

BTS is mandated by Congress under Title 49 to collect economic data on transportation mode choice and goods movement. This information informs freight flows and is critical to understanding the use, performance, and condition of the nation's transportation system, as well as informing transportation investments. Data on the movement of freight also are important for effective analyses of changes in regional and local economic development, safety issues, and environmental concerns. They also provide the private sector with valuable data needed for critical decision-making on a variety of issues including market trends, analysis, and segmentation. Each day, governments, businesses, and consumers make countless decisions about where to go, how to get there, what to ship and which transportation modes to use. Transportation constantly responds to external forces such as shifting markets, changing demographics, safety concerns, weather conditions, energy and environmental constraints, and national defense requirements. Good decisions require

having the right information in the right form at the right time.

The CFS provides critical data to federal, state and local government agencies to make a wide range of transportation investment decisions for developing and maintaining an efficient transportation infrastructure that supports economic growth and competitiveness.

Transportation planners require the periodic benchmarks provided by a continuing CFS to evaluate and respond to ongoing geographic shifts in production and distribution centers, as well as policies such as "just in time delivery."

The 2022 CFS will be an electronic reporting sample survey of approximately 160,000 business establishments in the mining, manufacturing, wholesale, and selected retail and services industries, as well as auxiliary establishments that support these industries. Respondents will report online for all four quarters of 2022, including the CFS expanded hazardous materials supplement in quarters 1 and 4.

The CFS is the primary source of information about freight movement in the United States. Estimates of shipment characteristics are published at different levels of aggregation. The CFS produces summary statistics and a public use data file. The survey covers shipments from establishments in the mining, manufacturing, wholesale, and selected retail industries, as well as auxiliary establishments that support these industries. Federal agencies, state and local transportation planners and policy makers, and private sector transportation managers, analysts, and researchers strongly support the conduct of the CFS.

Affected Public: Business or other forprofit organizations.

Frequency: The survey will be conducted quarterly over the course of one year

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory. Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 8(b), 131 and, 193. Title 13, U.S.C. 224 and 225 require response. The BTS also has authority to collect these data based on its enabling legislation, 49 U.S.C. 6302.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/