

above during regular business hours and on the Internet.

The draft of the United States Standards for Grades Apple Juice from Concentrate is available either through the address cited above or by accessing the AMS Home Page on the Internet at: www.ams.usda.gov/fv/ppb.html. Any comments received, regarding this proposed standard will also be posted on that site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 make copies of official standards available upon request. The United States Standards for Grades of Fruits and Vegetables no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs.

AMS is proposing to establish the U.S. Standards for Grades of Apple Juice from Concentrate using the procedures that appear in part 36 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR part 36).

On May 28, 1996, Processed Apples Institute, Inc., an association of producers of processed apple products, requested that USDA develop a standard for apple juice from concentrate to be used by the industry. The petitioner provided information on style, and descriptions to AMS to develop the standard.

After researching the issue, AMS prepared a discussion draft of the apple juice from concentrate standard, and distributed copies for input to the petitioner, and the National Food Processors Association (NFPA). Input from the above groups was used to develop the proposed standard.

Based on the results of the information gathered, AMS is proposing to establish a standard for apple juice from concentrate following the standard format for U.S. Grade Standards. AMS is proposing to define "apple juice from concentrate" and establish "clear" and "cloudy" as the style designations. The proposal will also define the quality factors that affect apple juice from

concentrate such as "color," "defects" and "flavor."

This proposal will establish the grade levels "A," "B," and "Substandard," and assign the corresponding score points for each level. The proposed tolerance for each quality factor as defined for each grade level will also be established.

The grade of a sample unit of apple juice from concentrate will be ascertained by considering the ratings for the factors of absence of defects, color and clarity, and flavor and aroma, which are scored; the total score; and the limiting rules which apply. This proposal will provide a common language for trade, a means of measuring value in the marketing of apple juice from concentrate, and provide guidance in the effective utilization of apple juice from concentrate. The official grade of a lot of apple juice from concentrate covered by these standards will be determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection and Certification of Processed Products Thereof, and Certain Other Processed Foods Products (7 CFR 52.1 to 52.83).

This notice provides for a 60 day comment period for interested parties to comment on changes to the standards.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: November 15, 2001.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[FV-02-333]

United States Standards for Grades of Dried Figs

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is revising the United States Standards for Grades of Dried Figs. The revision will eliminate the present Grade "A" quality level and change the present Grade "B" quality level to the new Grade "A". This proposal elevates the present Grade "C" quality level to a new Grade "B" level thus eliminating the Grade "C" designation from the United States Standards for Grades of Dried Figs. The existing grade level "Substandard"

would remain the same. These changes have been requested by the industry in order to bring the standards for dried figs in line with the present quality levels being marketed today and provide guidance in the effective utilization of dried figs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 21, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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lydia.berry@usda.gov. The current United States Standards for Dried Figs, along with the changes, are available either through the address cited above or by accessing the AMS Home Page on the Internet at: www.ams.usda.gov/standards/dried.htm

The comments from the proposed notice and the final notice will be made available on the internet at: www.ams.usda.gov/fv/ppb.html

The U. S. Standards for Dried Figs do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, 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 no longer appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs. AMS is revising the U. S. Standards for Grades of Dried Figs using the procedures that appear in part 36 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR Part 36).

Proposed by the Petitioner

AMS received a petition from the California Fig Advisory Board requesting the USDA to revise the United States Standards for Grades of Dried Figs. The Board specifically requested that the present grade "A" be eliminated, and that the present grade "B" be elevated to a new grade "A", the current grade "C" be elevated to a new grade "B" and the level of grade "C" be eliminated in the new standard. The Board also provided information on

style, sample size, and descriptions to AMS to revise the standard. The petition was derived from a consensus of the dried fig industry.

Proposed by Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS

A notice proposing changes to the United States Standards for Dried Figs based on the petition was published in the May 9, 2001, **Federal Register** (66 FR 23662). AMS received three comments in response to the notice. Responses were received from California Fig Advisory Board, and two growers. All responses were in favor of the revisions. One grower had requested some further changes to the standard that were not addressed in the original petition, including an additional increase in the moisture tolerance and the inclusion of an additional style. Therefore additional changes should be addressed in a new petition. Based on the submitted information and petition, AMS is revising the standard for dried figs following the standard format for U.S. Grade Standards.

The grade of a sample unit of dried figs is ascertained by considering the factors of varietal characteristics, size, moisture, and flavor and odor which are not scored; the ratings for the factors of color, uniformity of size, defects, and maturity and development, which are scored; the total score; and the limiting rules which apply.

Accordingly, this proposal would establish grade levels "A", "B" and "Substandard" with corresponding score points assigned for each level. Tolerances for each quality factor for each grade level are established. These changes will bring the standard for dried figs in line with present quality levels being marketed today and provide guidance in the effective utilization of dried figs.

AMS believes that revisions to the standard are needed to meet the needs of industry and that these changes will allow for a better marketing environment for all dried fig producers.

This revision becomes effective 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: November 15, 2001.

A.J. Yates,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area (SRA) Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: An Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council meeting will convene in Stayton, Oregon on Monday, December 3, 2001. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. will conclude at approximately 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the South Room of the Stayton Community Center located on 400 West Virginia Street in Stayton, Oregon.

The Opal Creek Wilderness and Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Act of 1996 (Opal Creek Act) (Pub. L. 104-208) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of thirteen members representing state, county and city governments, and representatives of various organizations, which include mining industry, environmental organizations, inholders in Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area, economic development, Indian tribes, adjacent landowners and recreation interests. The council provides advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on preparation of a comprehensive Opal Creek Management Plan for the SRA, and consults on a periodic and regular basis on the management of the area. The tentative agenda will include discussion of the Environmental Analysis for the proposed SRA Management Plan and the effects of alternatives and a public comment period.

The public comment period is tentatively scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits of the comment period. Written comments may be submitted prior to the December 3 meeting by sending them to Designated Federal Official Stephanie Phillips at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Stephanie Phillips; Willamette National Forest, Detroit Ranger District, HC 73 Box 329, Mill City, OR 97360; (503) 854-3366.

Dated: November 14, 2001.

Y. Robert Iwamoto,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of antidumping and countervailing duty administrative reviews and request for revocation in part.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with October anniversary dates. In accordance with the Department's regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews. The Department also received a request to revoke one antidumping duty order in part.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 21, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly A. Kuga, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(2000), for administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with October anniversary dates. The Department also received a timely request to revoke in part the antidumping duty order on Extruded Rubber Thread from Malaysia.

Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with section 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we are initiating administrative reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings. We intend to issue the final results of these reviews not later than October 31, 2002.