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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV-06-337]

#### United States Standards for Grades of Canned Fruits for Salad, and United States Standards for Grades of Canned Fruit Cocktail

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Standards for Grades of Canned Fruits for Salad, and United States Standards for Grades of Canned Fruit Cocktail are revised to reflect the change in the character classification for Grade "B" canned pears made previously in the United States Standards for Grades of Canned Pears.

**DATES:** Effective April 21, 2006.

#### Amendment for Character Classification

A Notice was published in the **Federal Register**, (69 FR 63612) dated October 29, 2004, revising the United States Standards for Grades of Canned Pears, issued under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) effective November 29, 2004. This change affected the character classification for Grade "B" slices and diced for canned pears to read "the units are reasonably tender or tenderness may be variable within the unit." A conforming change to the United States Standard for Grades of Canned Fruits for Salad and the United States Standards for Grades of Canned Fruit Cocktail should have been changed in this regard.

Accordingly, the Notice published in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 2004, at 69 FR 63612 is corrected by adding a conforming change to provide that the Grade "B" character classification of canned pears for the

United States Standards for Grades of Canned Fruits for Salad and United States Standards for Grades of Canned Fruit Cocktail is changed by adding the statement "the units are reasonably tender or tenderness may be variable within the unit." This change will affect section 52.3843 Character(c)(3) of the Canned Fruits for Salads and section 52.1063 Character (c)(2) of the Canned Fruit Cocktail.

Revised copies of the U.S. grade standards are located on the Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/ppb.html> and are available from Inspection and Standardization Section, Processed Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 0709, South Building; STOP 0247, Washington, DC 20250; telephone: (202) 720-5021 or fax (202) 690-1527.

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

Dated: March 17, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. TM-06-07]

#### Notice of Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a forthcoming meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

**DATES:** The meeting dates are Wednesday, April 19, 2006, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, April 20, 2006, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Requests from individuals and organizations wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting are due by the close of business on April 7, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Ramada Conference Center, 1450 South Atherton Street, State College, PA. Requests for copies of the NOSB meeting agenda, requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting, or written comments may be sent to Ms. Katherine Benham at USDA-AMS-TMD-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4008-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0200. Requests to make an oral presentation at the meeting may also be sent via facsimile to Ms. Katherine Benham at (202) 205-7808 or electronically to Ms. Katherine Benham at [Katherine.benham@usda.gov](mailto:Katherine.benham@usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katherine E. Benham, Advisory Board Specialist, National Organic Program, (202) 205-7806.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 2119 (7 U.S.C. 6518) of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*) requires the establishment of the NOSB. The purpose of the NOSB is to make recommendations about whether a substance should be allowed or prohibited in organic production or handling, to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production, and to advise the Secretary on other aspects of the implementation of the OFPA. The NOSB met for the first time in Washington, DC, in March 1992, and currently has six committees working on various aspects of the organic program. The committees are: Compliance, Accreditation, and Certification; Crops; Livestock; Materials; Handling; and Policy Development.

In August of 1994, the NOSB provided its initial recommendations for the National Organic Program (NOP) to the Secretary of Agriculture. Since that time, the NOSB has submitted 99 addenda to its recommendations and reviewed more than 269 substances for inclusion on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. The last meeting of the NOSB was held on November 16-17, 2005, in Washington, DC.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) published its final National Organic Program regulation in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2000, (65 FR 80548). The rule became effective April 21, 2001.