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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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**NOTIFICATION**

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The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b> Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: <a href="mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov">usatbtep@nist.gov</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Avocados; Fresh or dried avocados (HS code(s): 080440); Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Fruits. Vegetables (ICS code(s): 67.080)
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Change in Maturity Requirements; (5 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Proposed rule - This proposed rulemaking would implement a recommendation from the Avocado Administrative Committee (Committee) to change the maturity requirements under the marketing order for avocados grown in South Florida. This action would update the avocado maturity shipping schedule to allow certain sizes and weights of the Beta avocado variety to be shipped earlier. A corresponding change would be made to the avocado import regulation as required under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> 89 Federal Register (FR) 77037, 20 September 2024; <a href="#">Title 7</a> Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts <a href="#">915</a> and <a href="#">944</a> : <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-09-20/html/2024-21522.htm">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-09-20/html/2024-21522.htm</a> <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-09-20/pdf/2024-21522.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-09-20/pdf/2024-21522.pdf</a>

The Docket Folder, identified by Docket Number AMS-SC-23-0084, provides access to primary documents as well as comments received and is accessible from [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](https://www.regulations.gov). Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the Docket on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

Previous actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/922](https://www.regulations.gov) are identified by Docket Numbers [AMS-FV-13-0069](https://www.regulations.gov), [AMS-FV-14-0051](https://www.regulations.gov), and [AMS-SC-20-0082](https://www.regulations.gov).

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined

**10. Final date for comments:** 19 November 2024

**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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