NOTIFICATION

Revision

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

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)  **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:**  Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****], 2.10.1 [****], 5.6.2 [****], 5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****], other****[X]:** U.S. Grade Standards for fruits are voluntary and provide the fruit, vegetable and specialty crop industry with a uniform language for describing the quality and condition of commodities in the marketplace. |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Processed raisins; Quality (ICS code(s): 03.120); Processes in the food industry (ICS code(s): 67.020); Fruits. Vegetables (ICS code(s): 67.080) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins; (3 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Proposed rule - The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) proposes to revise the [United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins](https://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards/raisin-grades-standards). AMS is proposing to modify two references to the allowances for capstems within the standards to modernize the standards to reflect current industry practices. The proposal also includes minor editorial changes to table headings to align with updated Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) formatting requirements. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 88 Federal Register (FR) 14296, 8 March 2023; Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 52:  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-03-08/html/2023-04741.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-03-08/pdf/2023-04741.pdf>  This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number AMS-SC-21-0091. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/AMS-SC-21-0091/document> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov). Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders by [4pm](http://time-time.net/times/time-zones/usa-canada/current-eastern-time-est.php) [Eastern Time](https://24timezones.com/time-zone/et) on 8 May 2023 will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/AMS-SC-21-0091/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.  For more information on U.S. Standards and the development and revision process see the Fact Sheet titled [U.S. GRADE STANDARDS for Fruits, Vegetables, Nuts, and Other Specialty Products (pdf)](https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FactSheetUSgradestandardsFruitsVegetablesNutsSpecialtyProducts.pdf). |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 8 May 2023 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****] or address, telephone or fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/USA/23_1814_00_e.pdf> |