

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

[Docket No. 03-022-1]

**Availability of a Draft Pest Risk Analysis for the Importation of Hass Avocado Fruit From Mexico****AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public of the availability of a draft pest risk analysis that has been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to a proposed rule currently under consideration that would allow the importation of Hass avocados from Mexico into the entire United States and during all months of the year. We are making this draft pest risk analysis available to the public for review and comment.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 15, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 03-022-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 03-022-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to [regulations@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:regulations@aphis.usda.gov). Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 03-022-1" on the subject line.

You may read any comments that we receive on the draft pest risk analysis in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 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) 690-2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Ron A. Sequeira, Center for Plant Health Science and Technology, PPQ, APHIS, 1017 Main Campus Drive, Suite 2500, Raleigh, NC 27606-5202; (919) 513-2663.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is considering amending the fruits and vegetables regulations in 7 CFR 319.56-2ff to allow the importation of Hass avocados from Mexico into the entire United States and during all months of the year. Fresh Hass variety avocados from Michoacan, Mexico, may currently be imported for distribution into 31 States and the District of Columbia between October 15 and April 15 under a systems approach for mitigating pest risk. The draft pest risk analysis entitled, "Importation of 'Hass' Avocado Fruit (*Persea americana*) from Mexico" (May 2003), considers the pest risks associated with the possible expansion of this program to allow importation of these avocados into all 50 States and the District of Columbia and throughout the year. We are making the draft pest risk analysis available to the public for review and comment.

You may view the draft pest risk analysis on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/pral/>, or in our reading room (information on the location and hours of the reading room is provided under the heading **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this notice). You may also request a copy of the document from the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

This notice solicits public comments on the draft pest risk analysis. We will also be making the draft pest risk analysis available for public comment again during the comment period for any proposed rule related to the importation of Hass avocados from Mexico.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 450, 7711-7714, 7718, 7731, 7732, 7751-7754, and 7760; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC this 11th day of June 2003.

**Peter Fernandez,***Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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**BILLING CODE 3410-34-P****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Commodity Credit Corporation****Information Collection; Collection of Market Prices****AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), USDA.**ACTION:** Notice; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a new information collection needed by the CCC to establish market values for wheat, feed grains, soybeans, minor oilseeds, and pulses.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 15, 2003, to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Shirlene Engle, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Program Development Branch, STOP 0553, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0553; e-mail: [Shirlene.Engle@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Shirlene.Engle@wdc.usda.gov). Comments may be faxed to (202) 690-3123.

**FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shirlene Engle, Program Specialist, Storage Contract Branch, (202) 720-7397.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:***Title:* Collection of Market Prices.*OMB Control Number:* 0560-New.*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Abstract:* The information collected will allow CCC merchandisers to collect electronically, or by telephone, daily sales and purchase prices from grain terminals to establish Posted County Prices (PCP's) for the Marketing Assistance Loan Program (MAL), which is operated by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) under the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. CCC's authority to collect this information is the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714, *et seq.*). Posted County Prices provide an estimate of market prices at the county level and are the prices at which program participants may redeem grain pledged as collateral for marketing assistance loans. The information collected is also used in constructing bid acceptance criteria for the purchase and sale of CCC-owned bulk grain such as wheat, corn, rice, soybean, and