

Two comments expressed that the standards appear to read that moldy stems would be classified under the other comments section of a certificate during an inspection, but would not be scored against the U.S. No. 1 grade. The basic requirements of the U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2 grades state that, "The vines shall not be brittle and shall be free from decay; and free from damage by mold or any other means." and "The vines shall not be brittle and shall be free from decay; and free from serious damage by mold or other means." respectively. Therefore, moldy stems would be scored as a defect in all U.S. grades of TOV.

One comment requested that a color section similar to how color is handled in the U.S. Standards for Grades of Fresh Tomatoes be added in order to provide additional guidance during the inspection process. The growing, ripening, and handling practices of TOV are very different from fresh tomatoes. Further, the proposed maturity requirements also require a color break of not less than ten percent. Therefore, a separate color section would not be necessary for TOV.

Finally one commenter stated that they would use these new standards for trade purposes. The proposed TOV standards would provide a common language for trade and a means of measuring value in the marketing of this commodity. The official grade of a lot of TOV covered by these standards will be determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing Inspection, Certification, and Standards of Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Products (Sec. 51.1 to 51.61).

This notice provides a 60-day comment period for interested parties to comment on the proposed United States Standards for Grades of Tomatoes on the Vine.

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Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket # AMS–FV–2007–0005; FV–06–313]

United States Standards for Grades of Winter Pears

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is withdrawing the notice soliciting comments on its proposal to amend the voluntary United States Standards for Grades of Winter Pears. After reviewing and considering the comments received, the agency has decided not to proceed with this action.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 16, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vincent J. Fusaro, Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, (202) 720–2185. The United States Standards for Grades of Pineapples are available either through the address cited above or by accessing the Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/standards/stanfjfv.htm>.

Background

AMS had identified the United States Standards for Grades of Winter Pears for possible revisions. The revision would delete § 51.1309, Condition after storage or transit, which states that "decay, scald or other deterioration which may have developed on pears after they have been in storage or transit shall be considered as affecting condition and not the grade." The standards were published on September 10, 1955.

On November 2, 2006, AMS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 64478) soliciting comments on a possible revision to the United States Standards for Grades of Winter Pears. The comments are available by accessing AMS, Fresh Products Branch Web site at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbdoctlist.htm>. The comment period ended January 2, 2007. During that sixty-day comment period, twenty-two comments were submitted. All opposed a revision. The commenters generally felt that the current standard has been in place for many years and still is useful.

After reviewing and considering the comments received, AMS has decided not to proceed with the action.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2007–0012]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Animal Welfare; Inspection, Licensing, and Procurement of Animals

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection in support of the Animal Welfare Act regulations for inspection, licensing, and procurement of animals.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before April 17, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://regulations.gov>, select "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select APHIS–2007–0012 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. APHIS–2007–0012, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS–2007–0012.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket 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.