

meeting will be held on October 30 and 31, 2008, from 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. E.S.T. on both days. (b) Written comments on the Guidelines received by October 24, 2008 will be ensured transmission to the Committee prior to this meeting. Written comments will, however, be accepted throughout the Committee's deliberations.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Jefferson Auditorium, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. Written comments are encouraged to be submitted electronically at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>. A "submit comments" button will be available to click on. Comments can also be mailed to the following address: Carole Davis, Co-Executive Secretary of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria, VA 22302, (703) 305–7600 (telephone), (703) 305–3300 (fax).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USDA Co-Executive Secretaries: Carole Davis (telephone 703–305–7600), Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034, Alexandria, Virginia 22302; or, Shanthy Bowman (telephone 301–504–0619), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Building 005, Room 125, BARC–WEST, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. HHS Co-Executive Secretaries: Kathryn McMurry (telephone 240–453–8280) or Holly McPeak (telephone 240–453–8280), Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of Public Health and Science, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite LL100, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Additional information is available on the Internet at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: Section 301 of Public Law 101–445 (7 U.S.C. 5341, the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990, Title III) directs the Secretaries of USDA and HHS to publish the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* at least every five years. Based on a thorough review of the most current scientific and applied literature, the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee will advise the Secretaries as to whether a revision of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, 2005 is warranted. If the Committee decides a revision is warranted, it will provide its recommendations in an advisory report to the Secretaries.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda will include (a) Orientation for the Committee members, (b) presentations on the history of the *Dietary Guidelines* and how they are used, (c) presentation on USDA's Nutrition Evidence Library, (d) formulation of plans for future work of the Committee.

Public Participation and Building Access

The Jefferson Auditorium is in the USDA South Building, located on the corner of Independence Ave. and 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public. Due to the need for security screening, pre-registration is required and all visitors must bring a photo I.D. To pre-register, please go to <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov> and click on the link for Meeting Registration or call the scheduler through the meeting planner, Crystal Tyler, at 202–314–4701 by 5 p.m. E.S.T., October 28, 2008. Registration must include name, affiliation, phone number or e-mail, and days attending. Space is limited for this meeting. Early registration is recommended. Following pre-registration, individuals will receive a confirmation of registration via e-mail. This e-mail will also include important information regarding security procedures for entering the South Building, instructions to the Jefferson Auditorium, and metro, parking, and hotel information. Written comments from the public will be accepted; opportunities to present oral comments may be provided at future meetings. Please call Crystal Tyler at 202–314–4701 should you require a sign language interpreter or require other special accommodations. Documents pertaining to Committee deliberations will be available for public viewing at the meeting, and thereafter, will also be accessible 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays) at the Reference Desk of the National Agricultural Library, USDA/ARS, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705. The Reference Desk telephone phone number is 301–504–5755; however, no advanced appointments are necessary. Documents will be made available the day before and following the meeting. Meeting materials (i.e., agenda, meeting minutes, and transcript) will be made available at <http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov>.

Dated: August 22, 2008.

Brian Wansink,

Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: August 27, 2008.

Edward B. Knippling,

Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dated: August 22, 2008.

Penelope Slade Royall,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Disease Prevention and Health Promotion), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2008–0066]

Notice of Decision To Issue Permits for the Importation of Guavas From Mexico Into the United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our decision to begin issuing permits for the importation into the United States of fresh guava fruit from Mexico. Based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, which we made available to the public for review and comment through a previous notice, we believe that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the importation of guavas from Mexico.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 14, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David B. Lamb, Import Specialist, Commodity Import Analysis and Operations, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 734–8758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in "Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables" (7 CFR 319.56 through 319.56–47, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits or restricts the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent plant pests from being introduced into and spread within the United States.

Section 319.56–4 of the regulations contains a performance-based process for approving the importation of commodities that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely imported subject to one or more of the designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section. Under that process, APHIS publishes a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the importation of a particular fruit or vegetable. Following the close of the 60-day comment period, APHIS may begin issuing permits for importation of the fruit or vegetable subject to the identified designated measures if: (1) No comments were received on the pest risk analysis; (2) the comments on the pest risk analysis revealed that no changes to the pest risk analysis were necessary; or (3) changes to the pest risk analysis were made in response to public comments, but the changes did not affect the overall conclusions of the analysis and the Administrator's determination of risk.

In accordance with that process, we published a notice¹ in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 2008 (73 FR 36296–36297, Docket No. APHIS–2008–0066), in which we announced the availability, for review and comment, of a pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the importation into the United States of fresh guava fruit from Mexico. We solicited comments on the notice for 60 days ending on August 25, 2008. We received seven comments by that date, from guava producers, a State department of agriculture, and the Mexican department of agriculture. Six of the commenters supported the importation of guavas from Mexico under the conditions described in the risk management document. One commenter raised concerns about those conditions. These concerns are addressed in an appendix to the pest risk analysis. We have made a change to the pest risk analysis in response to this comment, but the change did not affect the overall conclusions of the analysis and the Administrator's determination of risk. The amended portion of the pest risk analysis and the appendix may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room).

Therefore, in accordance with the regulations in § 319.56–4(c)(2)(ii), we

¹ To view the notice, the pest risk analysis, the risk management analysis, and the comments we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2008-0066>.

are announcing our decision to begin issuing permits for the importation into the United States of guavas from Mexico subject to the following phytosanitary measures:

- The guavas must be irradiated with a minimum absorbed dose of 400 gray.
- Each consignment of guavas must be inspected by the national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Mexico and accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of Mexico. The phytosanitary certificate must document that the consignment received the required irradiation treatment. The phytosanitary certificate must also contain an additional declaration that states:

The fruit in this shipment was treated by irradiation with a minimum absorbed dose of 400 Gy and inspected and found free of *Oligonychus biharensis*, *Oligonychus psidium*, *Mycovellosiella psidii*, *Pestalotiopsis psidii*, and *Sphaceloma psidii*.

- The guavas may be imported into the United States in commercial consignments only.

These conditions will be listed in the fruits and vegetables manual (available at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/ports/downloads/fv.pdf). In addition to those specific measures, guavas from Mexico will be subject to the general requirements listed in § 319.56–3 that are applicable to the importation of all fruits and vegetables.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 450, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 8th day of October 2008.

Cindy Smith,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.
Title: Quarterly Survey of Public Employee Retirement Systems.
OMB Control Number: 0607–0143.
Form Number(s): F–10.
Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 300.
Number of Respondents: 100.
Average Hours per Response: 45 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Over 2.9 trillion dollars in public-employee retirement system assets in the financial markets are controlled by a small number of large systems. The 2002 Census of Governments identified 2,670 state and local government administered public-employee retirement systems. The 100 largest systems, as measured by the system assets, account for about 90 percent of the total assets of all systems. This form is used to collect financial data from these 100 systems for policy makers and economists to follow the changing characteristics of these funds.

This survey was initiated by the Census Bureau at the request of both the Council of Economic Advisors and the Federal Reserve Board. The most important information this survey provides is the quarterly change in composition of the securities holdings of the public employee retirement systems component of the economy. The Federal Reserve Board uses these data to track the public sector portion of the flow of funds accounts. The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses the quarterly retirement information on corporate stock holdings to estimate dividends received by state and local government retirement systems that, in turn, are used in preparing the national income and product accounts. Additionally, these data are a significant part of the information base needed to analyze investment trends and help in the formulation of governmental economic policies and investment decisions.

A minor revision is being made to clarify part A.4. Earnings on investments. The statement, 'The net of gains and losses on the sale of investments is reported at 4c' was removed; and the statement 'Include both realized + unrealized gains (losses)' was added to part A.4.c. Net gain or loss on investments.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal government.

Frequency: Quarterly.
Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395–7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).