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 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. These measures are:

- The fruits or vegetables are subject to inspection upon arrival in the United States and comply with all applicable provisions of §319.56-3;
- The fruits or vegetables are imported from a pest-free area in the country of origin that meets the requirements of §319.56-5 for freedom from the pest and are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the fruits or vegetables originated in a pest-free area in the country of origin;
- The fruits or vegetables are treated in accordance with 7 CFR part 305;
- The fruits or vegetables are inspected in the country of origin by an inspector or an official of the national plant protection organization of the exporting country, and have been found free of one or more specific quarantine pests identified by the risk analysis as likely to follow the import pathway; and/or
- The fruits or vegetables are a commercial consignment.

APHIS received a request from the Government of the United Kingdom to allow the importation of fresh leaves of perennial wall rocket from the United Kingdom into the United States. We have completed a pest risk assessment to identify pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of importation into the continental United States and, based on that pest risk assessment, have prepared a risk management document to identify phytosanitary measures that could be applied to the commodity to mitigate the pest risk. We have concluded that perennial wall rocket leaves can be safely imported into the continental United States from the United Kingdom using one or more of the five designated phytosanitary measures listed in §319.56-4(b). Therefore, in accordance with §319.56-4(c), we are announcing the availability of our pest risk analysis for public review and comment. The pest risk analysis 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). You may request paper copies of the pest risk analysis by calling or writing to the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Please refer to the subject of the pest risk analysis that you wish to review when requesting copies.

After reviewing the comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the import status of wall rocket leaves from the United Kingdom in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of the analyses and the Administrator’s determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will begin issuing permits for importation of fresh leaves of perennial wall rocket from the United Kingdom into the continental United States subject to the requirements specified in the risk management analyses.


Done in Washington, DC, this 30th day of June 2010.

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Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.