DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
[Docket No. APHIS-2010-0074]

Notice of Availability of Pest Risk Analyses for the Importation of Fresh Celery, Arugula, and Spinach From Colombia

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have prepared three pest risk analyses that evaluate, respectively, the risks associated with the importation into the continental United States of fresh celery, arugula, and spinach from Colombia. Based on these analyses, 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 fresh celery, arugula, and spinach from Colombia. We are making these pest risk analyses available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before October 25, 2010.

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

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to (http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetailToggle=d=APHIS-2010-0074) to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

• Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send one copy of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2010-0074, 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-2010-0074.

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.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at (http://www.aphis.usda.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Dorothy C. Wayson, Senior Regulatory Coordination Specialist, RPM, PHP, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 141, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-0772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in “Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56-1 through 319.56-50, 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 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 that 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 assessment 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 Colombia to allow the importation of fresh celery, arugula, and spinach from Colombia into the continental United States. We have completed a pest risk assessment for each of those commodities to identify pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of importation into the United States and, based on those pest risk assessments, have prepared three risk management documents to identify phytosanitary measures that could be applied to fresh celery, arugula, and spinach from Colombia to mitigate the pest risk. We have concluded that fresh celery, arugula, and spinach can be safely imported into the continental United States from Colombia 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 analyses for public review and comment. The pest risk analyses may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see ADDRESSES above for a link to Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the pest risk analyses by calling or writing to the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. Please refer to the subject of the pest risk analysis you wish to review when requesting copies.

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the import status of fresh celery, arugula, and spinach from Colombia 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 celery, arugula, and spinach from Colombia into the continental United States subject to the requirements specified in the risk management documents.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Funding Availability: Rural Development Voucher Program

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; Correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service published a document in the Federal Register on April 14, 2010, announcing the funding available for the Rural Development Voucher Program. A correction to the document is needed to clarify what documentation is required for proof of citizenship and to correct the median income hyperlink.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie B.M. White, Director, Multi-Family Housing Portfolio Management Division, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0782, Washington, DC 20250–0782, telephone (202) 720–1615. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TDD by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

Correction

In the Federal Register of Wednesday, April 14, 2010, Vol. 75, No. 71, page 19354 in the second column, is corrected to read: (c) As required by section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 [42 U.S.C. § 1436a] the tenant must be a United States citizen, United States non-citizen national or qualified alien.

For each family member, regardless of age, must submit the following evidence to the responsible entity: (1) For citizens, the evidence consists of a signed declaration of U.S. citizenship, Rural Development may request verification of the declaration by requiring presentation of a United States passport, social security card, or other appropriate documentation. (2) For noncitizens who are 62 years of age or older, the evidence consists of: (i) A signed declaration of eligible immigration status; (ii) Proof of age document. (3) For all other noncitizens, the evidence consists of: (i) A signed declaration of eligible immigration status; (ii) alien registration documentation or other proof of immigration registration from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) that contains the individual’s alien admission number or alien file number; and (iii) a signed verification consent form, which provides that evidence of eligible immigration status may be released to Rural Development and INS for purposes of verifying the immigration status of the individual. Rural Development shall provide a reasonable opportunity, not to exceed 30 days, to submit evidence indicating a satisfactory immigration status, or to appeal to the Immigration and Naturalization Service the verification determination of the Immigration and Naturalization Service; and;

Correction

In the Federal Register of Wednesday, April 14, 2010, Vol. 75, No. 71, page 19354 in the third column is updated to read: (d) The family must be a low-income family on the date of the prepayment or foreclosure. A low-income family is a family whose annual income does not exceed 80 percent of the family median income for the area as defined by HUD. HUD’s definition of median income can be found at http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il/index_mfi.html.

Dated: August 17, 2010.

Kathy McEntee,
Acting Administrator, Housing and Community Facilities Programs.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Meeting; Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee Meeting at New Location

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold its last two meetings in 2010 at a new location.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 20 and October 18, 2010 and will begin at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Klamath National Forest Supervisor’s Office, Conference Room, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry Greene, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Klamath National Forest, Supervisor’s Office, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, CA 96097. (530) 841–4484; e-mail kggreene@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda includes project updates and financial status, and presentation and review of new project proposals to be considered by the RAC. The meeting is open to the public. Opportunity for public comment will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: August 18, 2010.

Patricia A. Grantham,
Designated Federal Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Sierra County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Nevada County and Placer County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Truckee, California. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110–343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss projects submitted for funding and the expenditure of Title II funds benefiting National Forest System lands in Nevada and Placer Counties.

DATES: The meeting will be held Friday, August 27, 2010 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Truckee Ranger Station,