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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2012–0009]

Notice of Availability of a Pest Risk Analysis for the Importation of Strawberry Fruit From Egypt Into the Continental United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have prepared a pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the importation into the continental United States of fresh strawberry fruit from Egypt. Based on that analysis, 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 strawberry fruit from Egypt. We are making the pest risk analysis available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before June 15, 2012.

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

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail:D=APHIS–2012–0009 or in our reading room, which 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) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Charisse Cleare, Project Coordinator, Regulations, Permits, and Manuals, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 156, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 851–2037.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in “Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56–1 through 319.56–54, 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. APHIS received a request from the Government of Egypt to allow the importation of fresh strawberry (Fragaria spp.) fruit with calyx and short stalk from Egypt into the continental United States. Currently, fresh strawberry fruit is not authorized for entry from Egypt. We have completed a pest risk analysis for the purpose of evaluating the pest risks associated with the importation of fresh strawberry fruit into the continental United States. The analysis consists of a pest list identifying pests of quarantine significance that are present in Egypt and could follow the pathway of importation into the United States and a risk management document identifying phytosanitary measures that could be applied to the commodities to mitigate the pest risk.

We have concluded that fresh strawberry fruit can be safely imported into the continental United States from Egypt using one or more of the five designated phytosanitary measures listed in § 319.56–4(b). The requirements for shipments of fresh strawberry fruit from Egypt would be as follows:

• The fresh strawberry fruit may be imported into the continental United States in commercial consignments only:
  • Each consignment of fresh strawberry fruit must be inspected by the national plant protection organization of Egypt and accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate that includes an additional declaration stating that the consignment was inspected and found free of Chrysodeixis chalcites, Eutetranychus orientalis, and Spodoptera littoralis; and
  • The fresh strawberry fruit is subject to inspection upon arrival at the U.S. port of entry.

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 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 analysis 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 strawberry fruit from Egypt in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of the analysis and the Administrator's determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will authorize the importation of fresh strawberry fruit from Egypt into the continental United States subject to the requirements specified in the risk management document.


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to establishing or reorganizing a general-
purpose zone, the application would
have no impact on FTZ 155’s authorized
subzone.

In accordance with the Board’s
regulations, Camille Evans of the FTZ
Staff is designated examiner to evaluate
and analyze the facts and information
presented in the application and case
record and to report findings and
recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from
interested parties. Submissions (original
and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the
Board’s Executive Secretary at the
address below. The closing period for
their receipt is June 15, 2012. Rebuttal
comments in response to material
submitted during the foregoing period
may be submitted during the subsequent
15-day period to July 2, 2012.

A copy of the application will be
available for public inspection at the
Office of the Executive Secretary,
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111,
U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401
Constitution Avenue NW., Washington,
DC 20230–0002, and in the “Reading
Room” section of the Board’s Web site,
which is accessible via www.trade.gov/
ftz. For further information, contact
Camille Evans at
Camille.Evans@trade.gov or (202) 482–
2350.

Dated: April 9, 2012.
Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Foreign-Trade Zones Board

Foreign-Trade Zone 155—Calhoun and
Victoria Counties, TX; Application for
Reorganization Under Alternative Site
Framework

An application has been submitted to the
Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board
(the Board) by the Calhoun-Victoria
Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ
155, requesting authority to reorganize
the zone under the alternative site
framework (ASF) adopted by the Board
(74 FR 1170–1173, 01/12/09; correction
74 FR 3987, 01/22/09): 75 FR 71069–
71070, 11/22/10). The ASF is an option
for grantees for the establishment or
reorganization of general-purpose zones
and can permit significantly greater
flexibility in the designation of new
“usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/
users located within a grantee’s “service
area” in the context of the Board’s
standard 2,000-acre activation limit for
a general-purpose zone project. The
application was submitted pursuant to
the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as
amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), and the
regulations of the Board (15 CFR part
400). It was formally filed on April 9,
2012.

FTZ 155 was approved by the Board
on October 24, 1988 (Board Order 398,
55 FR 44510, 11/3/88), and expanded on
June 18, 2008 (Board Order 1565, 73 FR
36038–36039, 6/25/08). The current
zone project includes the following sites:
Site 1 (97 acres)—Calhoun County
Navigation District’s marine terminal,
2313 FM 1593 South, Point Comfort;
Site 2 (494.3 acres)—Alcoa World
Alumina, Highway 35, Point Comfort;
Site 3 (120 acres)—West Calhoun
Navigation District, Highway 185, Long
Mott; Site 4 (135 acres)—Victoria
Regional Airport, Business Highway 59,
Victoria; Site 5 (29 acres)—CMC Safety
Steel Service, 255 Skytop Road,
Victoria; Site 6 (350 acres)—Victoria
Navigation District, 1934 FM 1432,
Victoria; and. Site 7 (11.46 acres)—Tres
Palacios, Farm Road 1468, Markham.

The grantee’s proposed service area
under the ASF would be Calhoun,
Victoria and Matagorda Counties, Texas.
If approved, the grantee would be able
to serve sites throughout the service area
based on companies’ needs for FTZ
designation. The proposed service area
is within the Port Lavaca-Point Comfort
Customs and Border Protection port of
entry.

The applicant is requesting authority
to reorganize its zone project to include
existing Sites 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 as
“magnet” sites and Sites 2 and 7 as
“usage-driven” sites. No new magnet or
usage-driven sites are being requested at
this time. Because the ASF only pertains
to establishing or reorganizing a general-
purpose zone, the application would
have no impact on FTZ 155’s authorized
subzone.

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