

warehouse with a 100,000 square-foot capacity. This cold storage and treatment facility, completed in August 2000, includes three rooms with freezing and chilling capacities, and temperature-controlled rail and truck docks. A study conducted by the port authority of Corpus Christi predicts that by the year 2010, national container traffic will top 2.75 million transit and exit units (TEU's) and that the port of Corpus Christi could capture a throughput of 820,000 TEU's.

The port authority expects that it would receive commodity imports from several countries throughout Central and South America in addition to New Zealand and South Africa. The annual collective estimated value of commodities expected to be cold treated at the facility is nearly \$131.7 million.

Effect on Small Entities

According to the Small Business Administration, a small entity involved in the wholesale trade of fresh fruits is one that employs no more than 100 people. While small entities will likely benefit from being able to cold treat commodities at the port of Corpus Christi, the number of these entities and the extent to which they might benefit are unknown. Additionally, import and transport companies in the region can be expected to handle increased traffic in fruits and vegetables, as indicated by the projected figures provided by exporters in Latin America and South Africa; consequently, we expect local employment opportunities to increase. Given these considerations, we expect that the overall economic effect of this rule will be positive.

This rule contains no information collection or recordkeeping requirements (see "Paperwork Reduction Act" below).

Executive Order 12988

This final rule allows fresh fruit to be imported into the United States for cold treatment at the maritime port of Corpus Christi, TX. State and local laws and regulations regarding fruit imported under this rule would be preempted while the fruit is in foreign commerce. Fresh fruit is generally imported for immediate distribution and sale to the consuming public and would remain in foreign commerce until sold to the ultimate consumer. The question of when foreign commerce ceases in other cases must be addressed on a case-by-case basis. No retroactive effect will be given to this rule, and this rule will not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This final rule contains no information collection or recordkeeping requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 319

Bees, Coffee, Cotton, Fruits, Honey, Imports, Nursery Stock, Plant Diseases and pest, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rice, Vegetables.

Accordingly, we are amending 7 CFR part 319 as follows:

PART 319—FOREIGN QUARANTINE NOTICES

1. The authority citation for part 319 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 166, 450, 7711–7714, 7718, 7731, 7732, and 7751–7754; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

2. Section 319.56–2d is amended as follows:

a. In paragraph (b)(1), the words "Corpus Christi, TX," are added immediately before the words "and Gulfport, MS"; the words "Airport, Baltimore, MD," are added after the words "Baltimore-Washington International"; and the words "airports, Washington, DC" are removed and the words "Airport, Chantilly, VA" added in their place.

b. In paragraph (b)(5)(iii), the words "Collector of Customs" is removed and the words "Customs Service" added in their place.

c. In paragraphs (b)(5)(iv)(B), (b)(5)(v)(B), and (b)(5)(vi)(B), the words "Bureau of Customs" are removed each time they occur and the words "U.S. Customs Service" added in their place.

d. The introductory text of paragraph (b)(5)(vii) is revised.

e. In paragraph (b)(5)(vii)(A), the words "at the port of Gulfport, MS" are removed.

f. In paragraph (b)(5)(vii)(C), the words "Bureau of Customs" are removed and the words "U.S. Customs Service" added in their place.

g. Paragraph (b)(5)(vii)(H) is revised.

The amended text reads as follows:

§ 319.56–2d Administrative instructions for cold treatment of certain imported fruits.

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(vii) *Special requirements for the maritime ports of Gulfport, MS, and Corpus Christi, TX.* Shipments of fruit arriving at the ports of Gulfport, MS, and Corpus Christi, TX, for cold treatment, in addition to meeting all of

the requirements in paragraphs (b)(5)(i) through (b)(5)(iii) of this section, must meet the following special conditions:

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(H) Blacklights or sticky paper must be used within the cold treatment facility, and other trapping methods, including Jackson/methyl eugenol and McPhail traps, must be used within the 4 square miles surrounding the cold treatment facility at the maritime port of Gulfport, MS, and within the 5 square miles surrounding the cold treatment facility at the maritime port of Corpus Christi, TX.

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Done in Washington, DC, this 14th day of January 2003.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 72

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List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: VSC–24 Revision; Confirmation of Effective Date

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is confirming the effective date of February 3, 2003, for the direct final rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** of November 20, 2002 (67 FR 69987). This direct final rule amended the NRC's regulations by revising the Pacific Sierra Nuclear Associates VSC–24 system listing within the "List of approved spent fuel storage casks" to include Amendment No. 4 to Certificate of Compliance No. 1007. This document confirms the effective date.

DATES: The effective date of February 3, 2003, is confirmed for this direct final rule.

ADDRESSES: Documents related to this rulemaking, including comments received, may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. These same documents may also be viewed and downloaded electronically via the rulemaking Web site (<http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>). For information about the interactive rulemaking Web