

plastic tarpaulin for transport to the airport or other shipping point. These safeguards must be intact upon arrival in the United States; and

(7) Each shipment of tomatoes must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by AQIS stating "These tomatoes were grown, packed, and shipped in accordance with the requirements of § 319.56–2dd(e) of 7 CFR."

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#### § 319.56–2ff [Amended]

■ 26. In § 319.56–2ff, the introductory text is amended by removing the citation "§ 319.56–4" and adding the citation "§ 319.56–3" in its place.

■ 27. Section 319.56–2gg is amended as follows:

■ a. In paragraphs (a) and (h), by adding the words "Alicante or" before the words "Almeria Province".

■ b. By revising paragraph (e) and adding an OMB citation at the end of the section to read as set forth below.

#### § 319.56–2gg Administrative instructions; conditions governing the entry of peppers from Spain.

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(e) The peppers must be safeguarded from harvest to export by insect-proof mesh or plastic tarpaulin, including while in transit to the packing house and while awaiting packing. They must be packed in insect-proof cartons or covered by insect-proof mesh or plastic tarpaulin for transit to the airport and subsequent export to the United States. These safeguards must be intact upon arrival in the United States;

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#### § 319.56–2jj [Amended]

■ 28. In § 319.56–2jj, footnote 1 is redesignated as footnote 12.

■ 29. A new § 319.56–2kk is added to read as follows:

#### § 319.56–2kk Persimmons from the Republic of Korea.

Persimmons (fruit) (*Disopyros khaki*) may be imported into the United States from the Republic of Korea only under the following conditions:

(a) The production site, which is an orchard, where the persimmons are grown must have been inspected at least once during the growing season and before harvest for the following pests: *Conogethes punctiferalis*, *Planococcus kraunhiae*, *Stathmopoda masinissa*, and *Tenuipalpus zhizhilashiviliae*;

(b) After harvest, the persimmons must be inspected by the Republic of Korea's national plant protection organization (NPPO) and found free of the pests listed in paragraph (a) of this section before the persimmons may be shipped to the United States;

(c) Each shipment of persimmons must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the Republic of Korea's NPPO stating that the fruit is free of *Conogethes punctiferalis*, *Planococcus kraunhiae*, *Stathmopoda masinissa*, and *Tenuipalpus zhizhilashiviliae*.

(d) If any of the pests listed in paragraph (a) of this section are detected in an orchard, exports from that orchard will be canceled until the source of infestation is determined and the infestation is eradicated.

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■ 30. Sections 319.56–3 and 319.56–4 are revised to read as follows:

#### § 319.56–3 Applications for permits for importation of fruits and vegetables; issuance of permits.

(a) *Permit required.* Except for fruits or vegetables that may be imported under the general permit provided in § 319.56–2(b), (c), and (d) or for fruits and vegetables imported under an oral permit in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, no fruits or vegetables may be imported unless a specific written permit has been issued for the fruits or vegetables and unless the fruits or vegetables meet all other applicable requirements of this subpart and any other requirements specified by APHIS in the specific written permit.

(b) *Applying for a specific written permit.* Applications must be submitted in writing or electronically and should be made in advance of the proposed shipment and provided to the Plant Protection and Quarantine program.<sup>13</sup> Applications must include the country or locality of origin of the fruits or vegetables, the port of first arrival, the name and address of the importer in the United States, and the identity and quantity of the fruit or vegetable.

(c) *Issuance of permits.* If APHIS approves the application, APHIS will issue a permit specifying the conditions applicable to the importation of the fruit or vegetable.

<sup>13</sup> Application for permits to import fruit and vegetables under this subpart may be submitted to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, 4700 River Road Unit 136, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; on the Internet using the APHIS Import Authorization System, <https://Web01.aphis.usda.gov/IAS.nsf/>; or by fax (301) 734–5786.

(d) *Issuance of oral permits.* Oral permits may be issued for noncommercial shipments if the commodity is admissible with inspection only. Oral permits may be issued for commercial shipments of fruits and vegetables arriving in the United States without a specific written permit if all applicable entry requirements are met and proof of application for a specific written permit has been supplied to an inspector.

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#### § 319.56–4 Amendment, denial, or withdrawal of permits.

(a) The Administrator may amend, deny, or withdraw a permit at any time if he or she has determined that conditions exist that present an unacceptable risk of the fruit or vegetable introducing quarantine pests into the United States. If the withdrawal is oral, the withdrawal of the permit and the reasons for the withdrawal will be confirmed in writing as promptly as circumstances permit.

(b) Any person whose permit has been amended, denied, or withdrawn may appeal the decision in writing to the Administrator within 10 days after receiving the written notification of the decision. The appeal must state all of the facts and reasons upon which the person relies to show that the permit was wrongfully amended, denied, or withdrawn. The Administrator will grant or deny the appeal, in writing, stating the reasons for granting or denying the appeal as promptly as circumstances permit. If there is a conflict as to any material fact and the person who has filed an appeal requests a hearing, a hearing shall be held to resolve the conflict. Rules of practice concerning the hearing will be adopted by the Administrator. A permit withdrawal will remain in effect pending resolution of the appeal or the hearing.

■ 31. Section § 319.56–6 is amended as follows:

■ a. By redesignating footnote 1 as footnote 14.

■ b. By revising paragraphs (b) and (d) to read as follows:

#### § 319.56–6 Inspection and other requirements at the port of first arrival.

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(b) *Assembly for inspection.* Any person moving fresh fruits and vegetables into the United States must offer those agricultural products for entry at the U.S. port of first arrival. The owner or the agent must make full