

changes at a public meeting and interested parties had an opportunity to provide input; and (4) a 60-day comment period is provided and all comments received will be considered prior to finalization of this rule.

List of Subjects

7 CFR Part 993

Marketing agreements, Plums, Prunes, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

7 CFR Part 999

Dates, Filberts, Food grades and standards, Imports, Nuts, Prunes, Raisins, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Walnuts.

■ For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR parts 993 and 999 are amended as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for 7 CFR parts 993 and 999 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

PART 993—DRIED PRUNES PRODUCED IN CALIFORNIA

■ 2. In § 993.50:

■ a. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) are suspended in their entirety effective August 1, 2003, through July 31, 2006.

■ b. Paragraph (g) is amended by suspending the words “, and reasonably comparable in size, to” in the third sentence; suspending the fourth and fifth sentences in their entirety; and suspending the words “Any such tolerance, together with any” and “and that such prunes are reasonably comparable to the undersized prunes so received,” in the sixth sentence, effective August 1, 2003, through July 31, 2006.

■ 3. Section 993.51 is amended by suspending the words “, and before shipping or disposing” and “or the pack specifications, including labeling,” in the first sentence, effective August 1, 2003, through July 31, 2006.

■ 4. In § 993.97, section II pertaining to minimum standards for processed prunes is suspended in its entirety effective August 1, 2003, through July 31, 2006.

■ 5. In § 993.150:

■ a. Paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e), and (f) are suspended in their entirety effective August 1, 2003, through July 31, 2006.

■ b. Paragraph (g) is amended by suspending paragraph (g)(1) in its entirety effective August 1, 2003, through July 31, 2006, and by removing paragraphs (g)(2)(i), (g)(2)(iii), and (g)(2)(iv) in their entirety effective August 1, 2003.

■ c. Paragraph (g)(2)(ii) is redesignated as paragraph (g)(2)(i) and revised as follows effective August 1, 2003:

§ 993.150 Disposition of prunes by handlers.

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(g) * * *

(2) * * *

(i) *Documentation of shipment or other disposition.* For each quantity of undersized prunes so shipped or otherwise disposed of, the handler shall promptly forward to the Committee one copy of the applicable bill of lading, truck receipt, or related documentation of disposition which shall show: (a) The name of the consignee; (b) the destination by name and address of the person designated to receive the prunes; (c) the date of shipment or other disposition; (d) the net weight of the prunes; and (e) identification of the prunes as undersized prunes.

■ d. Paragraphs (g)(3)(i) and (g)(3)(ii) are revised effective August 1, 2003, to read as follows:

§ 993.150 Disposition of prunes by handlers.

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(3) * * *

(i) *Undersized French prunes.* Whenever an undersized regulation specifies an opening for French prunes, any quantity of any size of French prunes disposed of by a handler in compliance with § 993.50(g) shall satisfy a handler's undersized disposition.

(ii) *Undersized non-French prunes.* Whenever an undersized regulation specifies an opening for non-French prunes, any quantity of any size of non-French prunes disposed of by a handler in compliance with § 993.50(g) shall satisfy a handler's undersized disposition.

§ 993.150 Disposition of prunes by handlers.

■ 6. Sections 993.515, 993.516, 993.517, and 993.518 are suspended in their entirety effective August 1, 2003, through July 31, 2006.

■ 7. In § 993.601(a) the words, “and outgoing”, “and the minimum standards which handlers' shipments or other final dispositions of prunes are required to meet pursuant to § 993.50(a)”, “IIC(3)”, and “IIC(6)” are suspended effective August 1, 2003, through July 31, 2006.

PART 999—SPECIALTY CROPS; IMPORT REGULATIONS

■ 8. Section 999.200 is suspended in its entirety effective August 1, 2003, through July 31, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 77

[Docket No. 03–044–1]

Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designations; New Mexico

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim rule and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are amending the bovine tuberculosis regulations regarding State and zone classifications by removing New Mexico from the list of accredited-free States and adding it to the list of modified accredited advanced States. This action is necessary to help prevent the spread of tuberculosis because New Mexico no longer meets the requirements for accredited-free State status.

DATES: This interim rule is effective July 24, 2003.

Compliance Date: The date for complying with certain requirements of 9 CFR 77.10 for sexually intact heifers, steers, and spayed heifers moving interstate from the State of New Mexico is September 30, 2003 (see “Delay in Compliance” under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**). The compliance date for all other provisions in 9 CFR part 77 applicable to the interstate movement of cattle and bison from the State of New Mexico is July 24, 2003.

Comment Date: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before September 22, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 03–044–1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 03–044–1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and