

risk assessment was limited to the continental United States. Therefore, we would require African horned cucumber from Chile to be shipped in boxes labeled "Not for importation or distribution in HI, PR, VI, or Guam."

#### ***Annona* spp. from Grenada**

We propose to amend § 319.56–2t to allow the entry of commercial fruit shipments of cherimoya (*Annona cherimola*), sour sop (*A. muricata*), custard apple (*A. reticulata*), sugar apple (*A. squamosa*), and atemoya (*A. squamosa* × *A. cherimola*) into the United States from Grenada.

The Government of Grenada requested that we authorize the importation of these commodities several years ago, before we routinely prepared pest risk assessments according to the guidelines provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the North American Plant Protection Organization. At that time, we prepared decision sheets. Decision sheets contain relatively the same information that is contained in modern pest risk assessments, but without the standardized format.

The decision sheet identified three internal feeders as quarantine pests in the West Indies: *Bephratelloides cubensis*, *Talponia batesi*, and *Cerconota anonella*. Because of the possibility that these internal feeders may have existed in Grenada, we did not issue a permit to allow the importation of *Annona* spp. fruit. Subsequently, Grenada informed us that they did not have those pests. We agreed to reconsider their import request if a survey determined that the internal feeders were indeed not present in *Annona* spp. fruit grown in Grenada. Grenada conducted a 3-year survey for the internal feeders and sampled more than 16,000 fruits, and no internal feeders or quarantine pests were found. In addition to approving the survey protocol, the Animal and Plant Health

Inspection Service (APHIS) periodically observed the survey. More information on the survey and copies of the report may be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

We would limit imports of *Annona* spp. fruit to commercial shipments because produce grown commercially is less likely to be infested with plant pests than noncommercial shipments. Noncommercial shipments are more prone to infestations because the commodity is often ripe to overripe, could be a variety with unknown susceptibility to pests, and is often grown with little or no pest control. Commercial shipments, as defined in § 319.56–1, are shipments of fruits and vegetables that an inspector identifies as having been produced for sale and distribution in mass markets. Identification of a particular shipment as commercial is based on a variety of indicators, including, but not limited to, the quantity of produce, the type of packaging, identification of a grower or packing house on the packaging, and documents consigning the shipment to a wholesaler or retailer.

Based on the survey results and the decision sheet, we believe that restricting imports of *Annona* spp. fruit to commercial shipments and requiring inspection at the port of first arrival would be adequate to mitigate any pest risks. Therefore, we propose to list *Annona* spp. fruits from Grenada in § 319.56–2t.

#### **Fruits and Vegetables From Mexico**

The regulations in § 319.56–2(e) provide that any fruit or vegetable, except those otherwise restricted, may be imported under permit if APHIS is satisfied that the fruit or vegetable meets one of several conditions:

(1) The fruit or vegetable is not attacked in the country of origin by quarantine pests.

(2) It has been treated or is to be treated for all quarantine pests in the country of origin, in accordance with conditions and procedures that may be prescribed by the Administrator.

(3) It is imported from a definite area or district in the country of origin that is free from all quarantine pests that attack the fruit or vegetable and its importation is in compliance with the criteria of § 319.56–2(f).

(4) It is imported from a definite area or district of the country of origin that is free from quarantine pests that attack the fruit or vegetable and the criteria of § 319.56–2(f) are met with regard to those quarantine pests, provided that all other quarantine pests that attack the fruit or vegetable in the area or district of the country of origin have been eliminated from the fruit or vegetable by treatment or any other procedures that may be prescribed by the Administrator.

Prior to 1992, APHIS did not specifically amend the regulations to list those fruits and vegetables for which we issued a permit after determining that the fruit or vegetable was eligible for entry under the regulations in § 319.56–2(e). However, in 1992, in an effort to increase transparency, we changed our approach and began to amend the regulations to specifically list all newly eligible fruits and vegetables (*i.e.*, those that were not previously eligible under a specific administrative instruction or imported under permit in accordance with § 319.56–2(e)). In most cases, we have not amended the regulations to list the fruits and vegetables that were allowed entry exclusively under permit prior to our decision to specifically list the commodities in the regulations.

In this document, we propose to list the following fruits and vegetables in § 319.56–2t. These fruits and vegetables, which we determined meet the criteria of § 319.56–2(e)(4), have been imported into the United States from Mexico under permit since before 1992.

| Common name            | Botanical name                         | Plant part(s)           |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Allium .....           | <i>Allium</i> spp .....                | Whole plant.            |
| Asparagus .....        | <i>Asparagus officinalis</i> .....     | Whole plant.            |
| Beet .....             | <i>Beta vulgaris</i> .....             | Whole plant.            |
| Carrot .....           | <i>Daucus carota</i> .....             | Whole plant.            |
| Coconut .....          | <i>Cocos nucifera</i> .....            | Fruit without husk.     |
| Eggplant .....         | <i>Solanum melongena</i> .....         | Whole plant.            |
| Grape .....            | <i>Vitis</i> spp .....                 | Fruit, cluster, leaves. |
| Jicama .....           | <i>Pachyrhizus tuberosus</i> .....     | Whole plant.            |
| Lemon .....            | <i>Citrus limon</i> .....              | Fruit.                  |
| Lime, sour .....       | <i>Citrus aurantiifolia</i> .....      | Fruit.                  |
| Parsley .....          | <i>Petroselinum crispum</i> .....      | Whole plant.            |
| Pineapple .....        | <i>Ananas comosus</i> .....            | Fruit.                  |
| Prickly-pear pad ..... | <i>Opuntia</i> spp .....               | Pad.                    |
| Radish .....           | <i>Raphanus sativus</i> .....          | Whole plant.            |
| Tomato .....           | <i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> ..... | Whole plant.            |
| Tuna .....             | <i>Opuntia</i> spp .....               | Fruit.                  |