NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Department of Agriculture (USDA) [1509]  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: usatbtep@nist.gov |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ],** **2.10.1 [ ],** **5.6.2 [ ],** **5.7.1 [ ],** **other:** **[X]** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Apples; Apples, pears and quinces, fresh (HS 0808); Fruits. Vegetables (ICS 67.080), Quality (ICS 03.120) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** U.S. Standards for Grades of Apples (3 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposes to revise the U.S. Standards for Grades of Apples by removing smooth net-like russeting as a grade-determining factor in the U.S. Extra Fancy, U.S. Fancy, and U.S. No. 1 grades for Fuji apples. In addition, AMS proposes to remove obsolete references to the location where color standards may be examined and purchased. The changes will modernize the standards and meet growing consumer demand by providing greater marketing flexibility. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * 84 Federal Register (FR) 19743, 6 May 2019; Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 51:   <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-05-06/html/2019-09013.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-05-06/pdf/2019-09013.pdf> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 5 July 2019 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/TBT/USA/19_2762_00_e.pdf> |