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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 319

[Docket No. 95-002-2]

Khapra Beetle; Brassware and Wooden Screens From India

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of reopening and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are reopening and extending the comment period for our proposed rule regarding the removal of brassware and wooden screens from Bombay, India, from the list of articles whose importation into the United States is restricted because of possible infestation with the khapra beetle. This extension will provide interested persons with additional time to prepare comments on the proposed rule.

DATES: Consideration will be given only to written comments on Docket No. 95-002-1 that are received on or before October 10, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 95-002-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 95-002-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jane Levy, Staff Officer, Port Operations Permit Unit, PPQ, APHIS, Suite 4A03, 4700 River Road Unit 136, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-8295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 11, 1995, we published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 35712-35713, Docket No. 95-002-1) a proposal to remove brassware and wooden screens from Bombay, India, from the list of articles whose importation into the United States is restricted because of possible infestation with the khapra beetle. Comments on the interim rule were required to be received on or before August 10, 1995.

So that we may consider comments received after that date, we are reopening and extending the public comment period on Docket No. 95-002-1 until October 10, 1995. During this period, other interested persons may also submit their comments for our consideration.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 150dd, 150ee, 150ff, 151-167, and 450; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.17, 2.51, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 10th day of August 1995.

Lonnie J. King,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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7 CFR Part 352

[Docket No. 94-033-1]

Mangoes From Mexico

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: We are soliciting public comment on approaches to reducing the risk of fruit flies being introduced into the United States in shipping containers and in the beds of trucks that have been used to transport untreated mangoes from Mexico through the United States to Canada. These containers and truck beds have been found to contain larvae and pupae of fruit flies of the genus *Anastrepha* at the time they reenter the United States after being unloaded in Canada. We believe some measures need to be taken to reduce the risk of fruit flies being introduced into the United States by contaminated containers and truck beds entering from Canada.

DATES: Consideration will be given only to comments received on or before October 16, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 94-033-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 94-033-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter M. Grosser or Mr. Frank E. Cooper, Senior Operations Officers, Port Operations, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 139, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-8295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The fruits and vegetables regulations in 7 CFR 319.56 through 319.56-8 (referred to below as the fruits and vegetables regulations) restrict or prohibit the importation of certain fruits and vegetables in order to prevent the introduction and dissemination of injurious insects, including fruit flies, that are new to or not widely distributed within and throughout the United States.

The plant quarantine safeguard regulations in 7 CFR part 352 (referred to below as the safeguard regulations) relieve those restrictions for certain prohibited or restricted products or articles, including fruits and vegetables, that are moved into the United States for: (1) A temporary stay where unloading or landing is not intended, (2) unloading or landing for transshipment and exportation, (3) unloading or landing for transportation and exportation, or (4) unloading and entry at a port other than the port of first arrival. Fruits and vegetables that are moved into the United States under these circumstances are subject to inspection and must be handled in accordance with conditions assigned