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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document Number AMS-FV-09-0067; FV-09-330]

United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is withdrawing a notice soliciting comments on its proposed revision to the United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins. Based on the petitioner's request to withdraw their petition, the agency has decided not to proceed with this action.

DATES: *Effective Date:* June 10, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Myron Betts, Inspection and Standardization Section, Processed Products Branch (PPB), Fruit and Vegetable Programs (FV), AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 0709, South Building; STOP 0247, Washington, DC 20250; *Telephone:* (202) 720-5021 or fax (202) 690-1527; or e-mail: *Myron.Betts@ams.usda.gov*. The United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins are available by accessing the AMS Web site on the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/processedinspection>.

Background

On February 2, 2005, AMS received a petition from the Raisin Administrative Committee (RAC), requesting revision to the United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins. These standards are issued under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621-1627).

The petitioner requested that AMS revise the United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins, Type I,

Seedless Raisins. The revision would add a third sub-type, "Vine-dried (without the application of drying chemicals or materials)" and change the existing sub-type for "Dipped, Vine-dried or similarly processed raisins" to "Dipped, Vine-dried, treated with drying chemicals or materials".

On February 28, 2006, AMS published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 71 39), [Docket No. FV-06-331] soliciting comments on the petition to revise the United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins. Between March 2007 and April 2010, AMS circulated a discussion draft to RAC which included a similar proposed revision to Type III, Raisins with Seeds. AMS did not receive any comments.

On July 21, 2010, AMS asked the RAC if they would like to adopt the proposed changes or withdraw the petition. The RAC could not agree on the discussion draft language.

In September 2010, AMS notified the RAC of its plan to withdraw the action to revise the United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins. The RAC agreed to bring up the issue again during their October 5, 2010, meeting. In October 2010 the RAC informed AMS that they had interest in keeping the process on the proposed revision open.

In March 2011, the RAC requested that the proposed change to the United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins be withdrawn.

AMS has decided not to proceed further with the proposed revision to the United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins and it is hereby withdrawn.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: June 7, 2011.

Ellen King,

Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2011-0050]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Animal Welfare

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request extension of approval of an information collection associated with Animal Welfare Act regulations for the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of certain animals by dealers, research facilities, exhibitors, carriers, and intermediate handlers.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 9, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2011-0050> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send one copy of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2011-0050, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2011-0050.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its