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) [1733]**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):** Watermelons; Melons, incl. watermelons, and papaws "papayas", fresh (HS 0807); Fruits. Vegetables (ICS 67.080) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Revision of U.S. Standards for Grades of Watermelons (2 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice and request for comments - The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) proposes to revise the U.S. Standards for Grades of Watermelons. The proposed changes would provide a common language for trade of watermelons. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Harmonization |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 86 Federal Register (FR) 13874, 11 March 2021; Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 36:<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-03-11/html/2021-05044.htm><https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-03-11/pdf/2021-05044.pdf>This notice and request for comments is identified by Docket Number AMS-SC-20-0096. The Docket Folder is available at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/AMS-AMS-20-0096/document> and provides access to primary and supporting documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov/) by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the USA TBT Enquiry Point. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the Agricultural Marketing Service and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/AMS-AMS-20-0096/document) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period. |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 10 May 2021 |
| **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/2021/TBT/USA/21_1888_00_e.pdf> |