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) [1413]**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):** Processed vegetablesFruits. Vegetables (ICS 67.080). |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** United States Standards for Grades of Processed Vegetables (2 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 Canned Lima Beans, U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Mushrooms, U.S. Standards for Grades of Pickles, and U.S. Standards for Grades of Green Olives. AMS is proposing to replace the term "midget" with "petite" in the canned lima bean, canned mushroom, and pickle standards, and to remove "midget" completely from the green olive standards as there is an alternative term. AMS is also proposing to replace the two-term grading system (dual nomenclature) with a single term to describe each quality level in the canned lima bean, canned mushroom, and green olive standards. Editorial changes would also be made to the grade standards that conform to recent changes made in other grade standards. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** 83 Federal Register (FR) 39917, 13 August 2018; Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 52.U.S. Grade Standards for Vegetables: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards/vegetables> (use drop down to locate Product Type)Fact Sheet titled "U.S. Grade Standards for Fruits, Vegetables, Nuts, and Other Specialty Products": <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/FactSheetUSgradestandardsFruitsVegetablesNutsSpecialtyProducts.pdf>  |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:**To be determined**Proposed date of entry into force:**To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 12 October 2018 |
| **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/2018/TBT/USA/18_4530_00_e.pdf> |