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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture (18) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Grapes (HS Chapter 7)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Revision in Minimum Grade, Container, and Pack Requirements (6 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: This rule revises minimum grade requirements for grapes grown in southeastern California and for grapes imported into the United States. It also revises container and pack requirements currently prescribed for California grapes. This rule allows California grape handlers to market consumer packages of grapes more economically by increasing the range of allowable bunch sizes for a portion of the 1998 season. Master containers of consumer grape packages could be marketed if the grape clusters/bunches in the packages consist of at least 2 berry clusters and the clusters/bunches are not greater than 19 ounces in weight. The increased bunch size range also applies to imported grapes. This action is in the interest of handlers, producers, importers, and consumers.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To offer handlers and importers more marketing flexibility.
8.	Relevant documents: 63 FR 28475, 26 May 1998; 7 CFR Parts 925 and 944. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 June 1998 Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 25 June 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: