

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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 (4) 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): Onions (HS Chapter 2308)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon, and Imported Onions; Possible Increase in Grade Requirements for White Onions (3 pages, English)
6.	Description of content: The Agricultural Marketing Service invites comments from producers, handlers, importers, commercial users, and other interested persons on a possible increase in the minimum grade requirements for white onions handled under the Idaho-Eastern Oregon onion marketing order, and for imported white onions. A recommendation to increase the minimum grade for white onions from U.S. No. 2 to U.S. No. 1 is under consideration. Comments pertaining to the volume and grade of imported white onions, as well as to other aspects of the potential grade increase, including its probable regulatory and economic impact on small business entities are sought. The import regulations are effected under the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer Satisfaction with onions
8.	Relevant documents: 63 FR 5472, 3 February 1998; 7 CFR Parts 948 and 980. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 6 April 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail, and telefax number of other body: