

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 (61) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can 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): Limes (HS Chapter 7)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Limes Grown in Florida and Imported Limes; Increase in the Minimum Size Requirement, 2 pages
6.	Description of content: This proposed rule invites comments on a proposed increase in the current minimum size requirement for limes grown in Florida and for limes imported into the United States. The Florida Lime Administrative Committee is the agency responsible for the local administration of the marketing order covering limes grown in Florida. This rule would increase the minimum size requirement from 1 7/8 inches to 2 inches in diameter during the period of 1 January through 31 May. Larger fruit tend to have a higher juice content. The changes in import requirements are necessary under Section 8E of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937.
7.	Objective and rationale: Enable handlers to meet the 42 per cent juice content requirement specified in the regulations for limes shipped to the fresh market.
8.	Relevant documents: 61 FR 40550, 5 August 1996; 7 CFR Parts 911 and 944. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 4 October 1996
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: