

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 (53) 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): Onions (HS Chapter 7)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Onions Grown in Certain Designated Counties in Idaho, and Malheur Country, Oregon, and Imported Onions; Modification of Size Requirements (2 pages)
6.	Description of content: This proposed rule would change the "repacker/prepacker" size designations for all varieties of onions except white or red varieties by increasing the minimum diameter from 1½ to 1¾ inches, and the maximum diameter from 2½ to 2¾ inches for onions in this size category. Recent trends in buyer preference reflect an increasing demand for larger size onions in the "repacker/prepacker" category. As provided for under Section 8E of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, the proposed change to the minimum size requirement would also apply to all imported onions except white or red varieties.
7.	Objective and rationale: To benefit producers and handlers by increasing their flexibility and efficiency in the packaging of "repacker/prepacker" size onions.
8.	Relevant documents: 61 FR 20188, 6 May 1996; 7 CFR Part 958. 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: 5 June 1996
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: