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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

### *Revision*

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

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> UNITED STATES OF AMERICA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Department of Agriculture (USDA)
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], Other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Kiwifruit; Fresh kiwifruit (HS code(s): 081050); Fruits. Vegetables (ICS code(s): 67.080)
<b>5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access):</b> Kiwifruit Grown in California and Imported Kiwifruit; Modification of Handling Regulations; (4 page(s), in English) <b>Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:</b> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/USA/26_00782_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/USA/26_00782_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Proposed rule - This proposed rule would implement a recommendation from the Kiwifruit Administrative Committee (Committee) to update the handling regulations for kiwifruit grown in California. Consistent with the Committee's proposal, this rulemaking seeks to amend the Size Designation and Size Variation chart located in the pack requirements of the Marketing Order and relax the minimum size requirements for all kiwifruit varieties, except for those of the <i>Actinidia chinensis</i> species. This rule also proposes to make a corresponding change to the size requirements under the kiwifruit import regulation, as required under section 8e of the <a href="#">Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937</a> .
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade; Cost saving and productivity enhancement
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> 91 Federal Register (FR) 5365, 6 February 2026; <a href="#">Title 7</a> Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts <a href="#">920</a> and <a href="#">944</a> : <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-02-06/html/2026-02372.htm">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-02-06/html/2026-02372.htm</a>

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This proposed rule is identified by Docket Number AMS-SC-24-0044. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at [https://www.regulations.gov/document/AMS\\_FRDOC\\_0001-2684](https://www.regulations.gov/document/AMS_FRDOC_0001-2684) and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by searching the Docket Number.

Previous actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/1879](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/AMS-SC-21-0098) are identified by Docket Number AMS-SC-21-0098. The Docket Folder is available from Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/AMS-SC-21-0098/document> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) by searching the Docket Number.

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined

**10. Provision of comments**

**Final date for comments:** 7 April 2026

**[ ] 60 days from notification**

WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 7 April 2026. Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with AMS and will also be submitted to the [Docket](#) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.

**Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:**

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