NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Department of Agriculture (USDA) [1680]  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Please submit comments to: USA WTO TBT Enquiry Point, Email: [usatbtep@nist.gov](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other** **[X]:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Lentils; Fresh or chilled leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled (excl. peas "Pisum sativum" and beans "Vigna spp., Phaseolus spp.") (HS 070890); Dried, shelled lentils, whether or not skinned or split (HS 071340); Quality (ICS 03.120), Fruits. Vegetables (ICS 67.080) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** United States Standards for Lentils (2 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Notice and request for comments - The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is proposing a revision to the method of interpretation for the determining the special grade "Green," in the Pea and Lentil Inspection Handbook, as it pertains to the class "Lentils," in the U.S. Standards for Lentils under the United States Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA). Stakeholders in the lentil processing/handling industry requested AMS to amend the definition of the special grade "Green" to allow for the inclusion of mottled lentils. To ensure that the Lentil standards remain relevant, AMS invites interested parties to comment on whether revising the inspection instructions facilitate the marketing of Lentils. This action will revise or amend the Grade and Grade Requirements for Lentils in the U.S. Standard for Lentils. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * 85 Federal Register (FR) 60955, 29 September 2020:   <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-09-29/html/2020-21434.htm>  <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-09-29/pdf/2020-21434.pdf>  This notice and request for comments is identified by Docket Number AMS-FGIS-20-0066. The Docket Folder is available on Regulations.gov at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=AMS-FGIS-20-0066> and provides access to primary documents as well as comments received. Documents are also accessible from Regulations.gov by searching the Docket Number. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](mailto:usatbtep@nist.gov). Comments received by the USA TBT Enquiry Point from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with the regulator and will also be submitted to the [Docket](https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=AMS-FGIS-20-0066) on Regulations.gov if received within the comment period.  Interested persons can also refer to actions notified under the symbol [G/TBT/N/USA/1292](http://tbtims.wto.org/en/Notifications/Search?ProductsCoveredHSCodes=&ProductsCoveredICSCodes=&DoSearch=True&ExpandSearchMoreFields=False&NotifyingMember=United+States+of+America&DocumentSymbol=1292&DistributionDateFrom=&DistributionDateTo=&SearchTerm=&ProductsCovered=&DescriptionOfContent=&CommentPeriod=&FinalDateForCommentsFrom=&FinalDateForCommentsTo=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionFrom=&ProposedDateOfAdoptionTo=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceFrom=&ProposedDateOfEntryIntoForceTo=). Comments submitted on those actions are accessible from Regulations.gov by searching for "lentils". |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 29 October 2020 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/USA/20_6197_00_e.pdf> |