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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 20 July 2022, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption Relating to Agricultural Water; Proposed Rule; Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is proposing dates for compliance with the pre-harvest agricultural water provisions for covered produce other than sprouts in the "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption Relating to Agricultural Water" proposed rule. We also are specifying the duration of the period during which we intend to exercise enforcement discretion for the harvest and post-harvest agricultural water requirements for covered produce other than sprouts in the produce safety regulation to provide covered farms, regulators, educators, and other stakeholders additional time to facilitate compliance with those provisions. The proposed compliance dates for preharvest agricultural water requirements and our exercise of enforcement discretion for the harvest and postharvest agricultural water provisions are intended to facilitate successful implementation and optimize public health protections. We are reopening the comment period only with respect to the compliance dates for the proposed pre-harvest agricultural water provisions for covered produce other than sprouts.

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-07-19/pdf/2022-15134.pdf>
https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/USA/22_4815_00_e.pdf

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other:

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

- Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Either electronic or written comments on the proposed rule must be submitted by 19 September 2022.

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal:
<https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):
Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in "Instructions".

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA- 2021-N-0471 for "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption Relating to Agricultural Water". Received comments, those filed in a timely manner (see ADDRESSES), will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as "Confidential Submissions", publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, +(240) 402 7500.

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Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

Text can also be found in the Federal Register, Vol. 87, No. 137, page 42973 or on the Internet at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-07-19/pdf/2022-15134.pdf>.
