

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 (21) 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): Tomatoes (HS Chapter 0702)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Tomatoes Grown in Florida and Imported Tomatoes; Proposed Rule to Change Minimum Size and Size Designation Requirements (5 pages in English)
6.	Description of content: This proposal invites comments on increasing the minimum diameter size requirement for Florida and imported tomatoes. The requirements would apply during the period 10 October through to 15 June, inclusive, each year. For Florida tomatoes alone, the proposal would change the size designations from Medium, Large, and Extra Large to numeric designations of 6 X 7, 6 X 6, and 5 X 6, respectively. The diameter size ranges also would be increased slightly for the designated sizes. The application of the size requirement increase to imported tomatoes is required under section 8e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937.
7.	Objective and rationale: The proposal is intended to provide handlers more marketing flexibility, and provide consumers with slightly larger, more mature imported tomatoes.
8.	Relevant documents: 62 FR 52047, 6 October 1997; 7 CFR Parts 966 and 980. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 16 October 1997
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [x] or address and telefax number of other body: