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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 19 March 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the <u>United States of America</u>.

<u>Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption;</u> <u>Extension of Compliance Dates for Subpart E; Final Rule</u>

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is extending, for covered produce other than sprouts, the dates for compliance with the agricultural water provisions in the "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption" rule. We are extending the compliance dates to address questions about the practical implementation of compliance with certain provisions and to consider how we might further reduce the regulatory burden or increase flexibility while continuing to protect public health.

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/USA/19 1603 00 e.pdf

This addendum concerns a:

- [] Modification of final date for comments
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- [] Withdrawal of proposed regulation
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- [] Other:

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