

amount of costs to be paid, the agency shall file a response. The protester shall file comments on the agency response within 10 days of receipt of the response. GAO shall dismiss the request unless the protester files comments within the 10-day period, except where GAO has granted an extension or established a shorter period.

(5) In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3554(c), GAO may recommend the amount of costs the agency should pay. In such cases, GAO may also recommend that the agency pay the protester the costs of pursuing the claim for costs before GAO.

(6) Within 60 days after GAO recommends the amount of costs the agency should pay the protester, the agency shall file a notification of the action the agency took in response to the recommendation.

■ 11. Amend § 21.9 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 21.9 Time for decision by GAO.

(a) GAO shall issue a decision on a protest within 100 days after it is filed. GAO will attempt to resolve a request for recommendation for reimbursement of protest costs under § 21.8(e), a request for recommendation on the amount of protest costs under § 21.8(f), or a request for reconsideration under § 21.14 within 100 days after the request is filed.

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■ 12. Amend § 21.10 by revising paragraph (a), the first sentence of paragraph (c), and paragraphs (d)(1) and (2) and (e) as follows:

§ 21.10 Express options, flexible alternative procedures, accelerated schedules, summary decisions, and status and other conferences.

(a) Upon a request filed by a party or on its own initiative, GAO may decide a protest using an express option.

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(c) Requests for the express option shall be filed not later than 5 days after the protest or supplemental/amended protest is filed. * * *

(d) * * *

(1) The agency shall file a complete report within 20 days after it receives notice from GAO that the express option will be used.

(2) Comments on the agency report shall be filed within 5 days after receipt of the report.

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(e) GAO, on its own initiative or upon a request filed by the parties, may use flexible alternative procedures to promptly and fairly resolve a protest, including alternative dispute resolution,

establishing an accelerated schedule, and/or issuing a summary decision.

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■ 13. Amend § 21.11 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 21.11 Effect of judicial proceedings.

(a) A protester must immediately advise GAO of any court proceeding which involves the subject matter of a pending protest and must file copies of all relevant court documents.

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■ 14. Amend § 21.12 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 21.12 Distribution of decisions.

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(b) Decisions will be distributed to the parties through the EPDS.

■ 15. Amend § 21.13 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 21.13 Nonstatutory protests.

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(b) The provisions of this part shall apply to nonstatutory protests except for:

(1) § 21.8(d) pertaining to recommendations for the payment of costs; and

(2) § 21.6 pertaining to the withholding of award and the suspension of contract performance pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3553(c) and (d).

■ 16. Amend § 21.14 by revising paragraph (b) and the second sentence of paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 21.14 Request for reconsideration.

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(b) A request for reconsideration of a bid protest decision shall be filed not later than 10 days after the basis for reconsideration is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier.

(c) * * * To obtain reconsideration, the requesting party must show that GAO's prior decision contains errors of either fact or law, or must present information not previously considered that warrants reversal or modification of the decision; GAO will not consider a request for reconsideration based on repetition of arguments previously raised.

Susan A. Poling,

General Counsel, United States Government Accountability Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 319

[Docket No. APHIS-2015-0073]

RIN 0579-AE18

Importation of Fresh Apple and Pear Fruit Into the Continental United States From Certain Countries in the European Union

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are reopening the comment period for our proposed rule that would amend the regulations to allow the importation of fresh apple and pear fruit from certain countries in the European Union into the continental United States, provided that the fruit is produced in accordance with a systems approach, as an alternative to importation under the current preclearance program. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published on January 20, 2016 (81 FR 3033-3038) is reopened. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 5, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0073>.

• *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*

Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2015-0073, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2015-0073> or

in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr.

David B. Lamb, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, PPQ, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 851-2103; David.B.Lamb@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 20, 2016, we published in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 3033–3038, Docket No. APHIS–2015–0073) a proposal to amend the regulations to allow the importation of fresh apple and pear fruit from certain countries in the European Union into the continental United States, provided that the fruit is produced in accordance with a systems approach, as an alternative to importation under the current preclearance program.

Comments on the proposed rule were required to be received on or before March 21, 2016. We are reopening the comment period on Docket No. APHIS–2015–0073 for an additional 45 days until May 5, 2016. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments. We will also consider all comments received between March 22, 2016, and the date of this notice.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 450, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 11th day of April 2016.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Chapter II

[Docket ID ED–2015–OESE–0130]

Negotiated Rulemaking Committee; Schedule of Committee Meetings

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Intent to establish a negotiated rulemaking committee.

SUMMARY: On February 4, 2016, we announced our intention to establish a negotiated rulemaking committee prior to publishing proposed regulations to implement part A of title I, Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). We also announced the schedule for three sessions of committee meetings and the location for each of those meetings. We now announce a change of location for the meeting on the first day of the third session.

DATES: The dates, times, and locations of the committee meetings are set out in

the *Schedule for Negotiations* section in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Butler, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 3W246, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone (202) 260–9737 or by email: OESE.ESSA.nominations@ed.gov.

For general information about the negotiated rulemaking process, see *The Negotiated Rulemaking Process for the Every Student Succeeds Act—Frequently Asked Questions*, available at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/essanegregnoticefaqs02022016.pdf>.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf or a text telephone, call the Federal Relay Service, toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 4, 2016, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 5969) announcing our intention to establish a negotiated rulemaking committee prior to publishing proposed regulations to implement part A of title I of the ESEA, as amended by the ESSA. We explained that the negotiated rulemaking committee would be convened to address proposed regulations that would: (1) Update existing assessment regulations to reflect changes to section 1111(b)(2) of the ESEA; and (2) relate to the requirement under section 1118(b) of the ESEA that title I, part A funds be used to supplement, and not supplant, non-Federal funds. In the February 4, 2016, notice, we set a schedule for three sessions of committee meetings, including an optional third session from April 18–April 19, 2016, if the committee determined that a third session would enable the committee to complete its work of developing regulations that reflect a final consensus of the committee. We also announced the date, time, and locations of the three sessions.

We now announce that the April 18, 2016, meeting of the committee will be held at a different location than indicated in the February 4, 2016, notice.

Schedule for Negotiations: The committee will meet for its third session on April 18–April 19, 2016. The committee meetings will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The April 18, 2016, committee meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Education, Potomac Center Plaza, 550 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 22202. The April 19, 2016, committee meeting will be held at

the U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20202.

The meetings are open to the public.

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The negotiated rulemaking meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in alternative format), notify the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in advance of the scheduled meeting date. We will make every effort to meet any request we receive.

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Dated: April 12, 2016.

John B. King, Jr.,

Secretary of Education.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Limited Approval, Limited Disapproval of California 9+ Air Plan Revisions, Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.