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USDA TO ALLOW THE INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF SEVEN FRUITS FROM HAWAII TO THE MAINLAND

WASHINGTON, May 5, 2008--The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is amending its regulations to allow, under certain conditions, the interstate movement of commercial shipments of mangosteen, dragon fruit, melon, pods of cowpea, breadfruit, jackfruit and fresh moringa pods from Hawaii to the continental United States.

To ensure that plant pests do not enter the continental United States by importing these commodities, the fruit must undergo irradiation treatment. In addition, the fruit must meet other inspection and treatment requirements specific to the commodity and its pest risk.

This action allows for the importation of these seven fruits from Hawaii while continuing to protect against the introduction of quarantine pests into the continental United States.

Notice of this action is scheduled to appear in the May 6 *Federal Register* and becomes effective upon publication.

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