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**USDA RECOGNIZES 16 ADDITIONAL DISTRICTS IN SOUTH AFRICA
AS BEING PEST-FREE FOR CITRUS BLACK SPOT**

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is advising the public that it has received a request from the government of the Republic of South Africa to recognize 16 additional magisterial districts in 3 provinces as pest-free areas for citrus black spot. After reviewing the documentation submitted in support of this request, the APHIS administrator has determined that these areas meet the criteria in APHIS' regulations for recognition as pest-free areas. APHIS is making this determination, as well as an evaluation document it has prepared in connection with this action, available for review and comment.

Notice of this action is published in today's July 27 *Federal Register*.

Consideration will be given to comment received on or before Sept. 25. You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2009-0037> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.
- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2009-0037, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2009-0037.

Comments are posted on the Regulations.gov Web site and also can be reviewed at USDA, Room 1141, South Building, 14th St. and Independence Ave., SW., Washington, D.C., between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. To facilitate entry into the comment reading room, please call (202) 690-2817.

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