APHIS Seeks Public Comment on Proposal To Establish Market Access for Fresh Coconut From Belize

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is requesting public comment on a proposal to establish import market access for fresh (green, unhusked) coconut (*Cocos nucifera*) for consumption from Belize into the United States.

Fresh coconut from Belize is currently not permitted to enter the United States. However, based on the findings of a recently completed pest risk analysis, APHIS is proposing to allow imports of the Malayan Yellow Dwarf coconut variety under specific safeguarding measures outlined in the risk management document.

The pest risk analysis and supporting documents are available in the Federal Register for a 60-day public comment period ending on November 16, 2026. To view the documents and submit comments, visit www.regulations.gov and enter APHIS-2022-0072 in the search field.

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