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Re: Proposed Rule to 7 CFR Part 319. Docket No. APHIS -2011-0060.

To whom it may concern:

DNE World Fruit LLC hereby expresses our support for the proposed rule allowing the importation of fresh citrus from Uruguay into the United States. We trust all pest risk assessment studies are conclusive and definitive regarding any potential danger to the citrus industry in our country.

We believe that allowing Uruguay to supply top-quality fresh citrus from the Southern Hemisphere on a counter seasonal basis will benefit consumers. An additional source for fresh citrus will allow a more consistent supply to US consumers at a time when the Northern Hemisphere does not have any fresh citrus available.

Our visits to various Uruguayan groves have demonstrated to us their implementation of good agricultural practices and the ability to produce high quality fruit. Therefore, we wholeheartedly support any appropriate measures and rules to allow the importation of fresh citrus from Uruguay as soon as practical.