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United States Agricultural Department Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8 4700 River Road, Unit 118 Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1238

RE: Docket Number APHIS-2013-0081 RIN 0579-AD90

Standardize Phytosanitary Treatment Regulations: Approval of Cold Treatment and Irradiation Facilities; Cold Treatment Schedules; Establishment of Fumigation and Cold Treatment Compliance Agreements

To whom it may Concern,

Procesadora Laran SAC is a Peruvian grower/exporter of Citrus to the USA since 2006 when the US market was first opened to the Peruvian citrus with the use of Cold Treatment.

We applaud this decision by the Department, and we really hope the rule change is approved.

We have been exporting citrus into the USA for the past ten years without any significant quality issue nor sanitary occurrence. We have been successful in partially sustaining the demand in the market through the non-producing months of the USA season (Summer months).

Through out these years, we have struggled to export our citrus into the Southern and Western ports of the USA for the lack of Cold Treatment ruling in this ports; by incurring in additional logistic costs and extra times to reach these markets, resulting in more expensive and lower quality fruit.

We consider this not in the benefit of the USA at all, especially because it creates an unfair situation for the Southern and Western clients that have to undergo extra charges.

We believe this rule change will solve these problems, resulting in lower costs, lower transit times and better quality of fruit into the Southern and Western USA.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about my comments,

Best Regards,

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