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REMARKS: The following guidance is being issued to further set Division policy regarding the notification requirement for Marketing Order and Agreement Division (MOAD), Inspection Operations, National Office, and Standardization of meeting or failing lots of commodities for import under Section 8e. Due to implementation of Marketing Order and Agreement Division's new Compliance Enforcement Management System (CEMS) program, notification to these parties is no longer required with the exception of failing lots of processed raisins, olives, and dates. For these 3 commodities all failing lots will be scanned and e-mailed to sciinspectionoperations@ams.usda.gov or faxed to 202-720-0939.

All Section 8E Lots

All Section 8E lots, regardless of passing or failing, will be transferred via FEIRS and BIIS to CEMS.

• The CEMS software has been designed to compare the total lot weights of the initial Section 8E imported lot weight and passed or failed lot weights or portions of these lot weights. This information is transferred directly to MOAD via CEMS. MOAD is able to ensure compliance of the initial Section 8E lot using this information.

Due to CEMS, it is no longer necessary to notify MOAD, Inspection Operations, the National Office, or Standardization of passing or failing Section 8E lots with the exception of failing lots of processed raisins, olives, and dates. Disregard all references, contained herein, to faxing or mailing a copy of passing or failing lots to MOAD, Inspection Operations, the National Office, or Standardization with the exception noted above for processed raisins, olives, and dates.

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