

Notice Regarding Restructuring of 7 CFR 319.37: Importation of Plants for Planting Regulations

On April 17, 2018 USDA-APHIS formally announced the release of the restructured [regulations for importing plants for planting](#). **ASTA does not anticipate that this restructure will have an impact on seed company day-to-day operations.** In the restructured regulations, APHIS consolidated all of the general requirements for importing plants for planting into one place, making them easier for stakeholders to find and APHIS to update. In addition, APHIS will also post future import restrictions for specific types of plants for planting in the Plants for Planting Manual, instead of codifying them in the CFR. Previously, regulations for seed imports were scattered throughout many different commodity regulations, which made finding information difficult. This restructure does not change any specific import requirements, and will provide a “one stop” resource for the industry. The new Plants for Planting Manual can be found [here](#). If you have questions or concerns about the restructure please contact [ASTA](#) or [APHIS](#) directly.