

Petition P4-0015, filed on behalf of multi-States alfalfa seed producers.

Background:

On February 23, 2004, the *Federal Register* published notice that the National Alfalfa Alliance, Kennewick, Washington, representing non-certified (common) alfalfa seed producers in the states of California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming had filed a petition for trade adjustment assistance.

The petition indicated that the marketing year impacted by imports was January 2002 - December 2002. The 5-year base period used for the purpose of a price comparison began January 1997.

Analysis:

In their petition for assistance, the National Alfalfa Alliance initially used import trade data as the source of non-certified alfalfa seed unit values. The petitioner subsequently suggested using export unit values. Which might be more reflective of prices farmers receive than import unit values. The petitioner did not submit any other price data.

Reason for denial of petition:

The Committee did not accept either an export or import unit values as a valid proxy for producer price. Other prices series were reviewed, including NASS data for prices paid for alfalfa seeds. However, the NASS data did not meet the price trigger criterion. The petition was denied because the available data did not show a 20 percent price decline.

Notice was published in the *Federal Register* on April 5, 2004.