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We are amending the regulations governing the importation of fresh cut flowers to remove requirements for the importation of specific types of cut flowers from the regulations, and to list them in the U.S. Department of Agriculture database called the Agricultural Commodity Import Requirements instead. We are also removing entirely any restrictions on the importation of fresh cut flowers of the genera Chrysanthemum, Leucanthemella, and Nipponanthemum from countries in which chrysanthemum white rust (*Puccinia horiana* P. Henn., CWR) is known to exist. This rule will allow us to use a notice-based, streamlined approach to update the import requirements for cut flowers and remove CWR-specific restrictions on the importation of fresh cut flowers.

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