

Fresh Market, Inc.  
Form SC TO-C  
March 14, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Schedule TO**  
**Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**The Fresh Market, Inc.**  
(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))  
**Pomegranate Merger Sub, Inc.**  
(Name of Filing Persons (Offeror))  
a wholly-owned subsidiary of  
**Pomegranate Holdings, Inc.**  
(Name of Filing Persons (Parent of Offeror))  
**Apollo Management VIII, L.P.**  
(Name of Filing Persons (Other Person))

**Common Stock, \$0.01 par value**

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**(Title of Class of Securities)**

**35804H106**

**(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)**

**Pomegranate Merger Sub, Inc.**

**c/o Apollo Management VIII, L.P.**

**9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor**

**New York, New York 10019**

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Behalf of Filing Persons)**

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Not Applicable

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Not Applicable

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- .. Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)
- .. Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)

The pre-commencement communication filed under cover of this Schedule TO relates to a planned tender offer by Pomegranate Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Offeror ), for all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the Common Stock ), of The Fresh Market, Inc. (the Company ), pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 11, 2016, by and among the Offeror, Pomegranate Holdings, Inc. ( Parent ) and the Company. This Schedule TO is being filed on behalf of the Offeror, Parent and Apollo Management VIII, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ( Management VIII ). Offeror is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent, and Parent is controlled by certain equity funds managed by Management VIII.

The tender offer for the purchase of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company s Common Stock described in this document has not yet commenced. This document is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell securities, nor is it a substitute for the tender offer materials that the Offeror will file with the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission (the SEC ) upon commencement of the tender offer. At the time the tender offer is commenced, the Offeror will file tender offer materials on Schedule TO, and the Company thereafter will file a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 with the SEC with respect to the tender offer. THE TENDER OFFER MATERIALS (INCLUDING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE, A RELATED LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND CERTAIN OTHER TENDER OFFER DOCUMENTS) AND THE SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. HOLDERS OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF THE COMPANY ARE URGED TO READ THESE DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT HOLDERS OF COMPANY COMMON STOCK SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION REGARDING TENDERING THEIR SECURITIES. The Offer to Purchase, the related Letter of Transmittal and certain other tender offer documents, as well as the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement, will be made available to all holders of Common Stock of the Company at no expense to them. The tender offer materials, the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement and other related documents (when available) will be made available for free at the SEC s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by directing a request to the Information Agent for the tender offer who will be named by the Offeror in the tender offer materials.

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**EXHIBIT  
NO.**

99.1 Joint Press Release, dated March 14, 2016 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to The Fresh Market, Inc.'s Form 8-K, filed on March 14, 2016).