

**ALMOND BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
PROCESS AUTHORITY FOR ALMONDS
APPLICATION FORM**

Pursuant to authority provided in § 981.42 of the almond marketing order (order) – 7 CFR Part 981, and as specified in § 981.442(b) of the order's regulations, handlers must subject their almonds to a treatment process or processes that have been determined to achieve in total a minimum 4-log reduction of *Salmonella* bacteria. Process authorities validate that the treatment technology and equipment have been demonstrated to achieve the minimum 4-log reduction. The Almond Board of California (Board or ABC) locally administers the order, with oversight by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

In consideration of the approval of this application, the following applicant requests approval as a Process Authority for almonds for _____(crop year).¹

Date _____ Company _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

Please complete the following (attach a curriculum vitae and additional pages, if needed):

Professional Affiliation(s) and Education:

Length of time as a process authority:

Products/Equipment/Processes for which you have been a process authority:

Experience conducting or evaluating tests that determine the effects of the treatment on microorganisms, such as microbiological challenge studies. (Specify microorganisms and types of tests, including recovery and enumeration techniques):

Experience conducting or evaluating tests that determine the effects of the treatment on foods (note how this is relevant to processing of almonds or other nuts):

Undersigned hereby certifies to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Board that the information supplied herein is complete and correct. The making of any false statement or representation on this form, knowing it to be false, is a violation of Title 18, section 1001, United States Code, which provides for the penalty of a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both.

Date _____ Signature _____

¹ Applications will be reviewed by ABC's Technical Expert Review Panel (TERP). Should the applicant disagree with TERP's decision, it may appeal the decision in writing to the Board, and ultimately to USDA.

For ABC Use:

Date Received by ABC:	MM/DD/YR
Date Approved by ABC:	MM/DD/YR
Effective for Crop Year:	August 1 – July 31, XXXX
Date Process Authority Notified of Approval:	MM/DD/YR

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