

**ALMOND BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DIRECT VERIFIABLE (DV) PROGRAM AUDITORS
APPLICATION FORM**

Pursuant to authority provided in § 981.42 of 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. Handlers may treat the almonds prior to shipment, ship untreated almonds labeled as unpasteurized to locations outside the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, or ship untreated almonds labeled as unpasteurized under the DV program to approved manufacturers within the U.S., Canada, or Mexico, who agree to treat the almonds. Such manufacturers are subject to audit by approved DV auditors. The Almond Board of California (Board or ABC) administers the order locally, 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 DV Program Auditor 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 an auditor:

Products/Equipment/Processes for which you have audited:

Experience conducting audits for food industry:

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

¹ Applicant may be an organization or a person. Applications will be reviewed and approved 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.

Date DV Auditor Notified of Approval:	MM/DD/YR
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