

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS

**CONFIDENTIAL RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
HANDLER NOMINEE QUESTIONNAIRE**

NOTE: Information will be used by the Secretary of Agriculture in selecting handler members and alternate members on the Raisin Administrative Committee under Federal Marketing Order No. 989. Statutory authority to obtain this information is provided in 7 U.S.C. 608.

1. Name: _____

2. (a) Residence: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

(b) Mailing Address: (If same, so state) _____

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

(c) Telephone Number: Home _____ Business _____

(d) Fax Number: _____ (e) E-mail address: _____

3. Number of years you have been connected with the raisin packing business: _____

4. (a) Raisin packing firm with which you are now connected: _____

(b) Your position or title: _____

5. Tonnage of all raisins acquired by such raisin packing firm during the period August 1, _____, to July 31, _____, was _____ tons (natural condition weight.)

6. Check varietal types of raisins handled by such firm and insert tonnage of each varietal type of such raisins:

Natural Seedless _____ Golden Seedless _____ Dipped Seedless _____
Muscats _____ Sultanas _____ Zante Currants _____ Others _____

7. Have you ever been charged or convicted of any felony violations? (Generally, a felony is defined as any violation of law punishable by imprisonment of longer than 1 year, except for violations called misdemeanors under State law which are punishable by imprisonment of 2 years or less.) Yes _____ No _____.

8. I am aware that the handler member and alternate positions are non-salaried. I am aware that these positions may require travel. (Authorized travel expenses are reimbursable.)

9. Marketing order committee members, in their official capacities, are prohibited from taking any action specifically designed to influence legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion concerning legislation. Committee members may not communicate with any official of a State or Federal legislative body for the purpose of attempting to influence legislation. Committee members are also prohibited from attempting to influence State or Federal government actions or policies or those of foreign governments, except as specifically authorized under the marketing order or expressly approved by the Secretary. Committee members are specifically precluded from authorizing the expenditure of marketing order funds for the purpose of attempting to influence legislation or government actions. These same prohibitions apply to committee managers, staff, and contractors, except that committee managers may consult with Department of Agriculture (USDA) employees during the pendency of informal rulemaking actions.

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11. I hereby accept the nomination as a handler member or alternate handler member of the Raisin Administrative Committee, and will serve in such position if selected by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Signature)

(Date)

Please type or print name as signed above.

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