U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

**PRODUCER REFERENDUM BALLOT**

**MARKETING ORDER NO. 987**

On the proposed amendment of Marketing Order No. 987, as amended, for domestic dates produced or packed in Riverside County, California. This Ballot will be held confidential. Please read the enclosed rules of eligibility and voting instructions **before completing this Ballot**. Your Ballot envelope **MUST** be received by this office not later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, in order to be counted in this referendum.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am, or the producer’s name I have inserted in Item 4 below is, now an eligible producer of Deglet Noor, Zahidi, Khadraw or Halawy dates, and that during the period from October 1, 20\_\_\_, through September 30, 20\_\_\_, produced the following quantity of dates for market:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pounds (Field run)

NOTE: If you are farming on a share crop basis, report only that part of the tonnage representing your share.

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| 1. Name(s) of any partners | 2. Partner(s) mailing address |

 3. Do you favor the proposed amendment? □ Yes □ No

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| 4. Producer’s Signature (or name, if Item 6 is applicable) | 5. Mailing Address (Street and No., RDF No., City, State, Zip Code) |

6. If this Ballot is cast by an officer or employee of a corporate producer, such as a corporation, institution, or school, or by an administrator, executor, or trustee of a producing estate, the following must also be completed.

 **I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) that I have authority to case this Ballot for the producer named above in Item 4 and that I will submit evidence of such authority at the request of the Agency of the Secretary.

Signature:

Title or Capacity:

Mailing Address:

Your signature certifies that you have the authority to take such action and will submit supplementary evidence of such authority at the request of the Agent of the Secretary. The information in this Ballot is required to determine the voter eligibility and vote of date producers. Falsification of information on this government document may result in a fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001).

**Final Decision – Dates**

The undersigned hereby authorizes the Deputy Administrator, or the Acting Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, to correct any typographical efforts which may have been made in this marketing agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the contracting parties, acting under the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act, for the purpose and subject to the limitations therein contained, and not otherwise, have hereto set their respective signatures and seals.

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Firm Name Signature1

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Mailing address Title

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 Date of Execution

 Corporate Seal:

 if none, so state

1 If one of the parties to the marketing agreement is a corporation, my signature constitutes certification that I have the power granted to me by the Board of Directors to bind this corporation to the marketing agreement.

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