CALIFORNIA DATE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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**PRODUCER-HANDLER BALLOT NO. \_\_\_\_**

Six producer-handler members and six producer-handler alternates serve on the California Date Administrative Committee (Committee). They are selected from: (1) handlers or directors, officers, or employees of a handler, of Deglet Noor, Halawy, Khadrawy or Zahidi dates; or (2) producers who are also handlers or directors, officers, or employees exercising a supervisory or managerial function of such handler. The two-year term of office begins August 1, 20\_\_\_.

You must qualify as a producer-handler yourself in order to vote in nominations for this group. **You may vote for one member and one alternate.** Your vote will be weighted by the quantity of marketable dates your firm has handled from October 1, 20\_\_\_ through April 30, 20\_\_\_.

Listed below are the candidates who have submitted their names and are willing to serve on the Committee. **Make your selection from this list, or write in persons of your own choice, but make certain they qualify and are willing to serve on the Committee if selected and appointed. You may nominate yourself if you are interested in serving on the Committee. Do not list the same person for more than one position or your Ballot will be invalidated.**

**Candidates:**

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I vote for the following: MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Committee that I am a producer-handler of Deglet Noor, Halawy, Khadrawy, or Zahidi dates and am qualified to vote for producer-handler representatives to serve on the Committee, and further, that if this Ballot is cast on an absentee basis, that I personally completed this Ballot.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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