



To: USDA
Re: Amendments to Federal Marketing

We respectfully submit to the United States Department of Agriculture the following Amendment to Federal Marketing Order 989 .

Section : 989.26 Establishment and Membership

Present Language - A Raisin Administrative Committee is hereby established consisting of 47 members of whom 35 shall represent producers, 10 shall represent handlers, 1 shall represent the cooperative bargaining association(s) and 1 shall be a public member. The producer members shall be selected as follows: (see attachment)

Amendments

Recommended Amendment Paragraph 1 - - A Raisin Administrative Committee is hereby established consisting of 21 members of whom 10 shall represent producers, 10 shall represent handlers, and 1 shall be a public member. The producer members must be qualified and selected in the following manner:

Recommended Amendment 989.26 (a)-To qualify as a producer member, the producer must be engaged in the production of raisins for a minimum of the two consecutive years prior to nomination. All producer members will be nominated by producers and selected as designated in the rules and regulations.

Recommended Amendment 989.26 (b)- The handlers nominees shall selected from all handlers. Handler nominees shall be nominated by all handlers determined by the Committee , with the approval of the Secretary and specified in the rules and regulations.

Recommended Amendment 989.26(c) - For each member of the Committee there shall be an alternate member who shall have the same qualifications as the member for whom he is an alternate

Remove 989.26 (d) , 989.26 (1) , 989.26 (2) , 989.26 (2) (e)

989.26 (2) (f) becomes 989.26 (c) { see above}

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§989.25 Part and subpart.

"Part" means the order regulating the handling of raisins produced from grapes grown in California, and all rules, regulations, and supplementary orders issued thereunder. This order regulating the handling of raisins produced from grapes grown in California shall be a "subpart" of such part.

RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

§989.26 Establishment and membership.

A Raisin Administrative Committee is hereby established consisting of 47 members of whom 35 shall represent producers, 10 shall represent handlers, 1 shall represent the cooperative bargaining association(s) and 1 shall be a public member. The producer members shall be selected as follows:

(a) Producer members representing the cooperative marketing association(s) shall be members of such association(s) engaged in the handling of raisins, each of which acquired not less than 10 percent of the total raisin acquisitions during the preceding crop year, and those members shall be equal to the product, rounded to the nearest whole number, obtained by multiplying 35 by the ratio the cooperative marketing association(s) raisin acquisitions are to the acquisitions of all handlers during the preceding crop year.

(b) Producer members representing cooperative bargaining association(s) shall be members of such associations, and the number of those members shall be equal to the product, rounded to the nearest whole number, obtained by multiplying 35 by the ratio the raisins acquired by handlers from bargaining association members are to the total acquisitions of all handlers during the preceding crop year.

(c) All other producer members who shall not be members of a cooperative bargaining association(s), cooperative marketing association(s) engaged in the handling of raisins which acquired 10 percent or more of the total acquisitions during the preceding crop year, nor sold for cash to cooperative marketing association(s), shall represent all producers not defined in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section and shall be selected in the number and, when appropriate, for the districts as designated in the rules and regulations

~~(d) The handler members shall be divided into two groups and include the following:~~

~~(1) Handler members shall be selected from and represent cooperative marketing association(s) engaged in the handling of raisins each of which acquired not less than 10 percent of the total raisin acquisitions during the preceding crop year, and the number of those members shall be equal to the product, rounded to the nearest whole number, obtained by multiplying 10 by the ratio of the cooperative marketing association(s) raisin acquisitions are to the total acquisitions of all handlers during the preceding crop year.~~

(2) The remaining handler members shall be selected from and represent all other handlers, which would include all independent handlers and small cooperative marketing association(s) who acquired less than 10 percent of the total raisin acquisitions during the preceding crop year. Handler nominees for this group shall be nominated by all handlers in the group in a manner determined by the Committee, with the approval of the Secretary, and specified in the rules and regulations.

(e) The "cooperative" bargaining association(s) member shall be selected from the cooperative bargaining association(s). The public member shall be nominated by the Committee and selected by the Secretary as public member.

nominees (C)
For each member of the Committee there shall be an alternate member who shall have the same qualifications as the member for whom he is an alternate.

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§989.27 Eligibility.

No person shall be selected or continue to serve as a member or alternate member of the Committee who is not actively engaged in the business of the group which he represents either in his own behalf, or as an officer, agent, or employee of a business unit engaged in such business: Provided, That only producers, as defined in §989.11, engaged as such with respect to the most recent grape crop, are eligible to serve on the Committee. Only

handlers who packed or processed raisins during the then current crop year shall be eligible to represent handlers on the Committee. Any handler eligible to represent a particular group shall continue to represent handlers for the entire term for which he was selected.

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§989.28 Term of office.

The term of office of all representatives serving on the Committee shall be for two years and shall end on April 30 of even numbered calendar years, but each such member and alternate member shall continue to serve until their successor is selected and has qualified.

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§989.29 Initial members and nomination of successor members.

(a) Initial members. Members and alternate members of the Committee serving immediately prior to the effective date of this amended subpart shall, if thereafter they are eligible, serve on the Committee until April 30, 1984, and until their respective successors have been selected and qualified.

(b) Nominations for successor members. Nominations for successor members and alternate members of the Committee shall be made as follows:

(1) The Committee shall notify the cooperative marketing association(s) engaged in handling not