APPLICATION TO BE AN APPROVED USER OF SUBSTANDARD WALNUTS

This application to be an approved user of substandard walnuts is submitted in compliance with the requirements of the Federal Marketing Order No. 984, as amended. In executing this form, the Substandard User respectively certifies to the California Walnut Board (Board) and to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as to the correctness and completeness of their statement.

Instructions: 1. All substandard users must complete the application to be an approved user.
2. Mail a signed original to the Board.
3. The application will be reviewed by the Board. If approved, your company will be sent a confirmation and listed as an Approved Substandard User.

Application is hereby made for designation as an approved user of substandard walnuts with the privilege of receiving substandard walnuts for such use, or uses, as designated below, as provided in Section 984.464 of Marketing Order No. 984, as amended.

☐ crush for walnut oil ☐ manufacture livestock feed ☐ feeding directly to livestock

In consideration of the granting of this approval, the undersigned agrees to:
(1) Use such substandard walnuts as received for no other purpose than as designated above.
(2) Store and manufacture such substandard walnuts as received only at the location or locations specified.
(3) Permit inspection of such storage and manufacturing facilities and of substandard walnuts received and held and examination of books and records covering the walnut transactions by the Board and USDA.
(4) Keep written records of receipts which will show the names and addresses of persons from whom walnuts were acquired and make such records available for examination by authorized representatives of the Board and USDA during regular business hours, for the period of two years after the end of the marketing year in which the recorded transactions were completed.
(5) Agree to negotiate with the handler a fair price for all substandard material received, but at no time negotiate a price below 2 cents per pound (kernelweight). Any reimbursement beyond 2 cents per pound must be forwarded directly to the handler.
(6) As a guarantee of faithful performance of the provisions of the Agreement, deliver to the Board a Surety Bond in the sum of $25,000 (Twenty-five thousand and 00/100 dollars).

Manufacturing operations are conducted at: ______________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________

Prior to disposition, substandard walnuts will be stored at: __________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________

Our daily maximum manufacturing capacity of substandard walnuts is: ________________________________
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I hereby certify to USDA and to the Board that the information supplied herein is complete and correct and that substandard walnuts received by me will be used only for the use designated above and will not be disposed of in any other form.

By: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Title: ___________________________ Firm Name: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ Phone No. ___________________________

Fax No. ___________________________

Application is hereby approved, subject to revocation for cause:

CALIFORNIA WALNUT BOARD

By: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Title: ___________________________

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