

Cranberry Marketing Committee
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HANDLER WITHHOLDING APPEAL

In accordance with the Cranberry Marketing Order, if any handler is dissatisfied with an adverse determination made by the Cranberry Marketing Committee (CMC) with regard to any matter related to its compliance with a volume regulation then in effect, the handler may submit to the CMC within 30 days after notification of this determination, or after its adverse nature is discovered, a request for review by an appeals subcommittee. The appeals subcommittee shall be composed of two independent representatives, two major cooperative representatives and a public member, all of whom shall be appointed by the Chair of the CMC.

The handler may further appeal to the Secretary, within 15 days after notification of the subcommittee's findings, if such handler is not satisfied with the appeals subcommittee's decision. The CMC shall forward a file with all pertinent information related to the handler's appeal. The Secretary shall inform the handler and all interested parties of the Secretary's decision.

Handlers interested in submitting an appeal, should complete the enclosed form and attach any pertinent supporting materials.

Handler Name: _____ Handler Contact No.: _____

Business Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Email Address: _____

1. What is the reason for this appeal? Identify the decision of CMC that the Handler considers to be adverse.

2. What documents are being provided as pertinent material(s) to support the appeal?

HANDLER CERTIFICATION

I, _____ hereby certify to the CMC and the Secretary of Agriculture that this is a true and correct record of information regarding the undersigned Handler for the current crop year, and that the undersigned handler has a good faith intent to withhold cranberries in accord with the Marketing Order as described herein. I further certify that I have the authority to make such representation on behalf of the undersigned handler.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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