

RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
 2445 Capitol Street, Suite 200
 Fresno, California 93721
 Phone: (559) 225-0520

**APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR DEHYDRATOR ON-PREMISE INSPECTION SERVICE
 RELATING TO RAISINS FOR THE CROP YEAR 20__**

1. **Application** - The undersigned dehydrator (Dehydrator) hereby applies to the Raisin Administrative Committee (RAC) for the approval of on-premise inspection services relating to natural condition raisins produced at Dehydrator's plant(s), including the premises located at _____ (Dehydrator's premises).
2. **Benefits to Dehydrator** - The RAC and the Dehydrator recognize that dehydrator on-premise inspection services, to be furnished by the Processed Products Standardization and Inspection Branch of the United States Department of Agriculture (Inspection Service) will facilitate production by Dehydrator of standard raisins, and further the attainment of the raisin quality control objectives of Raisin Marketing Order No. 989, as amended (7 CFR Part 989; Order), and Marketing Agreement No. 109, as amended.

Furthermore, the RAC will:

- a) Notify raisin packers that the Dehydrator's Application and Agreement has been approved by the RAC and that natural condition raisins produced and inspected on the Dehydrator's premises and accompanied by a memorandum report of inspection issued by the Inspection Service will not require incoming inspection at packer inspection points; and similarly notify packers of each suspension or termination hereof;
- b) Request the Inspection Service, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the RAC and the Inspection Service, to do the following:
 - i. Advise the Dehydrator regarding raw material, handling and processing and sanitary practices that the Inspection Service finds unsatisfactory;
 - ii. Inspect and certify, at the request of the Dehydrator, all natural condition raisins that the Dehydrator produces by subjecting raisin variety grapes to artificial heat (Dehydrated Raisins);
 - iii. Certify Dehydrated Raisins as to whether or not they meet the then-applicable minimum grade and condition standards for such raisins, established pursuant to Order No. 989, as amended;
 - iv. Observe all reconditioning of Dehydrated Raisins;
 - v. Establish a fee to the Dehydrator for the services rendered at the same rate per ton of Dehydrated Raisins as is charged to raisin packers; and
 - vi. Report to the RAC failures of the Dehydrator to comply with the terms and conditions of this Application and Agreement.
3. **Prerequisites for Approval of Application and Agreement** - Before the RAC will approve this Application and Agreement, the Dehydrator must arrange with the Inspection Service for on-premise inspection services and must submit to the RAC a statement by the Inspection Service that: (a) the Dehydrator has the necessary equipment for proper processing by dehydration; (b) the sanitary condition of the Dehydrator's premises (including the plant(s) and equipment) is satisfactory; (c) adequate laboratory facilities are available at the Dehydrator's premises; and (d) the Dehydrator has made satisfactory arrangements with the Inspection Service for inspection services.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0581-0178. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

RAC-69 (Exp. 3/31/2024) Destroy previous versions.

4. **Dehydrator's Obligations upon Approval of Application and Agreement** - In consideration of the benefits from on-premise inspection services and of RAC approval of this Application and Agreement, the Dehydrator hereby agrees:
- a) **Sanitation** - To use only sound raw material that has been handled and, when stored, stored under sanitary conditions, and is suitable for processing; to maintain Dehydrator's premises (including plant(s) and equipment) in such sanitary condition and to employ such methods of handling and storing raw materials for processing as is acceptable to the Inspection Service. These methods shall include, but not be limited to: pre-washing, sorting, box washings, and protection of the finished product;
 - b) **Laboratory Facilities** - To maintain adequate laboratory facilities as determined by the Inspection Service;
 - c) **Reconditioning** - To recondition any Dehydrated Raisins only in the presence of an inspector of the Inspection Service and in conformity with the procedures acceptable to such Inspection Service;
 - d) **Inspection of Raisins** - To request the Inspection Service to inspect all Dehydrated Raisins that are produced on Dehydrator's premises prior to their removal from the premises and to provide the inspector, at the Dehydrator's expense, with any assistance necessary to the inspection of Dehydrated Raisins;
 - e) **Identification of Production** - To affix to each pallet of Dehydrated Raisins a pallet identification card showing at least such information as the plant where produced, date of production and pallet number. If the raisins are not palletted, each day's production must be kept separate and apart from other raisins and identified as required by the Inspection Service.
 - f) **Segregation** - To keep inspected Dehydrated Raisins that are eligible to be certified, or are certified, as standard or off-grade raisins, separate and apart from each other and from other raisins;
 - g) **Movement of Inspected Raisins** - To move inspected Dehydrated Raisins on or from Dehydrator's premises only in the presence of an inspector of the Inspection Service;
 - h) **Request for Memorandum Report** - To furnish the Inspection Service with a completed appropriate RAC form requesting issuance of a memorandum report of inspection at the time of loading inspected Dehydrated Raisins for delivery to any packer's inspection point;
 - i) **Memorandum Report to Packer** - To furnish to the packer at the time of the receipt of such Dehydrated Raisins at the packer's inspection point the original and one copy of the Inspection Service's Memorandum Report of Inspection, showing that such Dehydrated Raisins have been inspected. This may be accomplished by having such original and copy accompany the shipment of Dehydrated Raisins from Dehydrator's premises to the packer's inspection point;
 - j) **Records** - To maintain complete records of daily production, disposition and reconditioning of Dehydrated Raisins, and retain such records for two (2) years from the date of this application;
 - k) **Reports** - To file promptly with the RAC certified reports showing such information as the RAC may request relative to the Dehydrator's production, holdings, reconditioning and disposition of Dehydrated Raisins. **Monthly RAC-32 Report of Disposition of Off-Grade Raisins, Other Failing Raisins and Raisin Material is due 7th day of the month.**
 - l) **Access to Records and Premises** - To permit the RAC, the Inspection Services and the Secretary of Agriculture, through their duly authorized representatives, to have access to Dehydrator's premises, to inspect such premises and any grapes or raisins thereon, and any and all records with respect to Dehydrator's production, holdings, reconditioning, and disposition of dehydrated Raisins;

- m) **RAC and Inspection Service Not Liable** - That neither the RAC nor the Inspection Service shall be liable for mistakes, errors in judgment, acts of commission or omission, or for any reason, in connection with the subject matter of this Application and Agreement;
- n) **Suspension** - That in case the Dehydrator fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this Application and Agreement with respect to particular Dehydrated Raisins, the RAC may suspend the applicability hereof to the receipt of such raisins at a packer's inspection point(s) without incoming inspection and, in case of continuing non-compliance by the Dehydrator, the RAC may suspend for such period of time as it deems advisable in the circumstances, or may terminate this Application and Agreement upon giving written notice of such action to the Dehydrator;
- o) **Termination** - Termination of this Application and Agreement may be effected by the RAC as herein provided, or by the Dehydrator by giving advance written notice thereof to the RAC.

5. **Signature and Approval**

_____ Name of Dehydrator	_____ Signature of Authorized Agent
_____ Mailing Address	_____ Printed Name of Authorized Agent
_____ City, State, Zip Code	_____ Title
_____ Phone Number	_____ Fax Number
_____ Email Address	_____ Date

RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

President/General Manager

Date

This report is required by law (7 U.S.C. 608d, 7 CFR 989.158(e)(1)). Failure to report can result in a fine of \$2,750 for each such violation, and each day during which such violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

RAC-69 (Exp. 3/31/2024) Destroy previous versions.