VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND RULES GOVERNING PRODUCER ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

I. VOTING PERIOD: ________________, 20___, through ________________, 20___.

II. REPRESENTATIVE PERIOD: ________________, 20___ through ________________, 20___.

III. PRODUCTION AREA: States of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and that portion of Nevada north of the 37th parallel and that portion of Utah west of the 111th meridian.

IV. PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE: Any person, who is currently a spearmint oil producer in the production area and produced such spearmint oil during the representative period ________________, 20___, through ________________, 20___, is entitled to cast one Ballot. Each separate business unit, partnership, LLC, family enterprise, corporation, association, estate, or firm is entitled to one vote.

“Producer” means any individual, partnership, LLC, corporation, association, institution, estate, or other business unit who:

- Owns and farms land resulting in ownership of the spearmint oil produced thereon;
- Rents and farms land resulting in ownership of all or a portion of the spearmint oil produced thereon; or
- Owns land from which, as rental for such land, ownership is obtained of a portion of the spearmint oil produced thereon. (A lien holder, cash landlord, or person having only a financial interest in the spearmint oil crop is not eligible to vote.)

V. HOW TO VOTE:

A. Indicate your vote by placing an “X” in the appropriate box.

B. Certify your spearmint oil production by listing the volume in pounds that you produced, the number of acres in production, and the county or counties in which such spearmint oil was produced during the representative period ________________, 20___, through ________________, 20___. If you are renting on a share-crop basis, you should show only that part of the crop represented by your share.

C. List the handlers who handled your spearmint oil, the pounds, and affiliation (co-op or independent).

D. Print or type your name, phone number, business name, and address.

E. Proxy voting is not authorized. If Ballot is cast by an officer or employee of a partnership, LLC, corporation, association or other business unit, check box to indicate your business designation, and sign to indicate authority to vote. If partnership or joint venture, list names of partners.

F. Sign below the certification. Incomplete or unsigned Ballots cannot be counted. Fold your Ballot so the Referendum Agent’s address is displayed, seal with tape and mail to:

Referendum Agent
USDA-AMS-SCP-NWMFO
1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Room 308
Portland, OR 97204

For further information, please call (503) 326-2724.

Ballots must be postmarked by ________________, 20__ to be valid.
TO FAR WEST SPEARMINT OIL PRODUCERS:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is conducting a referendum to determine whether spearmint oil producers in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and that portion of Nevada north of the 37th parallel, and that portion of Utah west of the 111th meridian favor continuance of Federal Marketing Order No. 985. As a consequence, an order directing that a referendum be held was published in the Federal Register on _____________________, 20___.

A Producer Referendum Ballot is on the reverse side of this page. Also enclosed are:

1) Voting Instructions and Rules Governing Producer Eligibility to Vote;
2) News Release issued on the Referendum; and
3) Copy of the Referendum Order dated _____________________, 20___.

The voting period for the referendum is _____________________, 20__, through _____________________, 20__. Please vote promptly because Ballots postmarked later than _____________________, 20__, cannot be opened or counted. Each Ballot will be held in strict confidence.

Referendum Agent
Phone: (503) 326-2724
This referendum is being held to determine producer support for the Federal Marketing Order regulating the handling of spearmint oil grown in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and that portion of Nevada north of the 37th parallel, and that portion of Utah west of the 111th meridian. The Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) will consider termination of this order if less than two-thirds of those voting and less than two-thirds of the volume represented in the referendum favor continuance.

A. Do you favor continuance of Marketing Order No. 985, regulating the handling of spearmint oil grown in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and that portion of Nevada north of the 37th parallel, and that portion of Utah west of the 111th meridian?

☐ YES  ☐ NO

PRODUCER ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT

B. I hereby certify that I am currently a producer of spearmint oil within the production area and that during the representative period ________________, 20___, through ________________, 20___, I produced for market _______________________________ pounds on ___________________________ acres in ____________________________________________________________________ County(ies).

C. | Name of Handler(s) who | Pounds | Affiliation |
   | Handled your Spearmint Oil |       | (co-op or independent) |

D. Producer’s Name ______________________ Telephone Number ______________________
   Name of Business ________________________________________________________________
   Mailing Address ____________________________________________________________________
   City ____________________________ State _______________ Zip Code ________________

E. If this Ballot is cast by an officer or employee of a partnership, LLC, corporation, association or other business unit, my signature below further certifies that I am duly authorized to vote on behalf of the producing entity name on this Ballot and that I will submit evidence of such authority at the request of an Agent of the Secretary.

☐ Partnership  ☐ LLC  ☐ Corporation  ☐ Association  ☐ Other

Signature* ____________________________ Title ____________________________

*If Partnership or Joint Venture, list name(s).

F. I hereby certify that the information I provided on this Ballot is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature* ____________________________ Title ____________________________

*Your signature certifies that you have the authority to take such action and will submit supplementary evidence of such authority at the request of an agent of the Secretary. The information provided in this Ballot is required to determine the voter eligibility and vote of spearmint oil producers. Falsification of information on this government document may result in a fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001).

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