

June 22, 2016

**Notice of Minor Amendment
To the Marketing Order For Processing Strawberries
Amendment Becomes Effective July 1, 2016**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture, upon the recommendation of the Processing Strawberry Advisory Board (PSAB), has approved a minor amendment to the Marketing Order for Processing Strawberries (Marketing Order). The amendment is attached as Exhibit "A". This amendment becomes effective on July 1, 2016.

Description of the New Amendment

This amendment has been implemented for the purpose of making it easier to achieve a voting quorum for PSAB's Committee on Grade Standards (COGS). Under the past committee provisions within the Marketing Order, an alternate on the PSAB Committee on Grade Standards (COGS) could serve as a voting member on the COGS only when his/her assigned member was absent from a COGS meeting. The restrictive nature of this provision prevented alternates of the COGS from serving at a COGS meeting even when a member and his/her assigned alternate were both absent, thus leaving the position unfilled for that COGS meeting. Under this new amendment, an alternate of the COGS whose assigned member is present at the COGS meeting, will still be afforded the opportunity to serve as a voting member of the COGS when a member of the COGS and his/her assigned alternate are both absent from the meeting. Additionally, the new amendment includes a provision that grants priority for serving in such situations to the available alternate from the same region as the absent member.

An updated version of the Marketing Order that incorporates the new amendment is available at www.cdfa.ca.gov/mkt/mkt. If you have any questions regarding these amendments, please call Gabe Moreno, Manager of the PSAB, at (831) 724-5454 or Dennis Manderfield of this office at (916) 900-5018.

Sincerely,



Robert Maxie, Chief
Marketing Branch

Attachment

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Additions are shown in *Bold Italics* and deletions are shown as ~~Strikethrough~~

Background:

This amendment is intended to provide greater opportunity for alternates on the PSAB Committee on Grade Standards to serve in place of absent Committee members. This amendment was recommended by the PSAB Board on March 16, 2016.

Article II, Section I is amended to read as follows:

Section I. COMMITTEES.

1. A committee is hereby established to assist the Advisory Board and the Department in amending or modifying grade standards described in Article III hereof. The committee shall be known as the Committee on Grade Standards and shall be composed of five (5) members, each of whom shall be a producer of strawberries utilized for processing into strawberry products. There shall be an alternate for each member.

2. *When a member of the Committee on Grade Standards is absent from a meeting, his/her assigned alternate shall serve in his/her place. When a member of the Committee on Grade Standards and his/her assigned alternate are both absent from a meeting, any other Committee alternate may serve in place of the absent member and alternate with first priority given to an available alternate from the same region as the absent member.*

~~3~~ 3. The Department shall appoint the members and alternates of the Grade Standards Committee from recommendations made by the Advisory Board or from the industry generally. The terms of office of the members of said Committee shall be for the same period as for the Advisory Board membership.

~~3~~ 4. The duties of the Grade Standards Committee shall be prescribed by the Board, subject to the approval of the Department.

~~4~~ 5. The Advisory Board may recommend, and the Department may appoint, such other committees as may be deemed necessary to assist the Board and the Department in performing duties authorized pursuant to this Marketing Order.