

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

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§ 925.5 Production area.

Production area means Imperial County, California, and that part of Riverside County and San Diego County, California, situated east of a line drawn due north and south through the Post Office in White Water, California.

§ 925.6 Varieties.

Varieties means and includes all classifications or subdivisions of *Vitis vinifera* table grapes.

§ 925.7 Producer.

Producer is synonymous with *grower* and means any person who produces grapes for the fresh market and who has a proprietary interest therein.

§ 925.8 Handler.

Handler is synonymous with *shipper* and means any person (except a common or contract carrier of grapes owned by another person) who handles grapes or causes grapes to be handled.

§ 925.10 Handle.

Handle is synonymous with *ship* and means to pack, sell, deliver (including delivery to a storage facility), transport, or in any way to place grapes in the current of commerce within the production area or between the production area and any point outside thereof: *Provided*, That such term shall not include the sale of grapes on the vine and except when regulations are effective pursuant to § 925.52(a)(5) shall not include the transportation or delivery of grapes to a packinghouse within the production area for preparation for market.

§ 925.11 Pack.

Pack means the specific arrangement, weight, grade or size, including the uniformity thereof, of the grapes within a container: *Provided*, That when used in or with respect to § 925.52(a)(5) such term shall mean to place grapes into containers for shipment to market as fresh grapes.

§ 925.12 Fiscal period.

Fiscal period is synonymous with *fiscal year* and means the 12 month period beginning on December 1 of one year and ending the last day of November of

the following year or such other period as the committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may prescribe.

§ 925.13 Container.

Container means any lug, box, bag, crate, carton, or any other receptacle used in packing grapes for shipment as fresh grapes, and includes the dimensions, capacity, weight, marking, and any pads, liners, lids, and any or all appurtenances thereto or parts thereof. The term applies, in the case of grapes packed in consumer packages, to the master receptacle and to any and all packages therein.

§ 925.14 Committee.

Committee means the California Desert Grape Administrative Committee established under § 925.20.

ADMINISTRATIVE BODY

§ 925.20 Establishment and membership.

(a) There is hereby established a California Desert Grape Administrative Committee consisting of 12 members, each of whom shall have an alternate who shall have the same qualifications as the member. Five of the members and their alternates shall be producers or officers or employees of producers (producer members). Five of the members and their alternates shall be handlers or officers or employees of handlers (handler members). One member and alternate shall be either a producer or handler or officer or employee thereof. One member and alternate shall represent the public.

(b) Not more than two members and not more than two alternate members shall be affiliated with the same handler entity.

(c) The committee may, with the approval of the Secretary, provide such other allocation of producer or handler membership, or both, as may be necessary to assure equitable representation.

§ 925.21 Term of office.

The term of office of the members and alternates shall be one fiscal period. Each member and alternate shall serve in such capacities for the portion of the term of office for which they are

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selected and have qualified and until their respective successors are selected and have qualified.

§ 925.22 Nomination.

(a) *Initial members.* Nominations for each of the initial members, together with nominations for the initial alternate members for each position, may be submitted to the Secretary by the Committee responsible for promulgation of this part. Such nominations may be made by means of a meeting of the growers and a meeting of the handlers. Such nominations, if made, shall be filed with the Secretary no later than the effective date of this part. In the event nominations for initial members and alternate members of the committee are not filed pursuant to, and within the time specified in, this section, the Secretary may select such initial members and alternate members without regard to nominations, but selections shall be on the basis of the representation provided in § 925.20.

(b) *Successor members.* The Secretary shall cause to be held, not later than November 15, of each year, meetings of producers and handlers for the purpose of making nominations for members and alternate members of the committee.

(c) Only producers, including duly authorized officers or employees of producers, who are present at such nomination meetings, may participate in the nomination and election of nominees for producer members and their alternates. Each producer entity shall be entitled to cast only one vote. If a person is both a producer and a handler of grapes, such person may participate in both producer and handler nominations.

(d) Only handlers, including duly authorized officers or employees of handlers, who are present at such nomination meetings, may participate in the nomination and election of nominees for handler members and their alternates. Each handler entity shall be entitled to cast only one vote.

(e) One member and alternate member shall be nominated by a vote of both producers and handlers and may be of either group.

(f) The public member and alternate member shall be nominated by the

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committee. The committee shall prescribe, with the approval of the Secretary, procedures for the nomination of the public member and qualification requirements for such member.

§ 925.23 Selection.

The Secretary shall select members and alternate members of the committee from persons nominated pursuant to § 925.22 or from other qualified persons.

§ 925.24 Failure to nominate.

If nominations are not made within the time and in the manner specified in § 925.22 the Secretary may select the members and alternate members of the committee without regard to nominations on the basis of the representation provided for in § 925.20.

§ 925.25 Acceptance.

Any person selected by the Secretary as a member or as an alternate member of the committee shall qualify by filing a written acceptance with the Secretary promptly after being notified of such selection.

§ 925.26 Vacancies.

To fill any vacancy occasioned by the failure of any person selected as a member or as an alternate member of the committee to qualify, or in the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of any member or alternate member of the committee, a successor for the unexpired term of such member or alternate member of the committee shall be nominated and selected in the manner specified in §§ 925.22 and 925.23. If the names of the nominees to fill any such vacancy are not made available to the Secretary within a reasonable time after such vacancy occurs, the Secretary may fill such vacancy without regard to nominations, which selection shall be made on the basis of the representation provided for in § 925.20.

§ 925.27 Alternate members.

An alternate member shall act in the place of the member during such member's absence or at such member's request, and may be assigned other program duties by the chairman or the committee. In the event of the death,