

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIZATION

**PECAN PROMOTION, RESEARCH, AND INFORMATION ORDER
(7 CFR PART 1223)**

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (U.S.C. 522a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting this information to be supplied on this form is from the applicable commodity legislation for research and promotion programs. Furnishing the requested information is necessary for the administration of this program. Submission of Tax Identification Number (TIN) or importer identification number is mandatory and will be used to determine affiliation or entity identity.

1. Name of Importer Organization: _____ **Tax ID#** _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone No. _____ **Fax No.** _____ **E-Mail:** _____

2. Total Members in most recent calendar year: _____
 3. What percent of your members are considered pecan importers _____?
 4. How long has your organization been in existence? _____
 5. Does your organization represent a substantial number of importers who import or market a substantial volume of pecans? If yes, describe.

 6. What percent of the total volume of pecans imported in the U.S. do your members represent? (pound percent of total) _____ pounds _____ percent of total imports
 7. Would your organization be willing to publicize open seats for the APPB, if so, describe how?

 8. List of Source(s) from which your organization operating funds are derived: _____

 9. Describe purpose/function of the organization. Does the organization promote, research or provide information about pecans, if so, please describe: _____

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that: (1) an interest of this organization is in the importation or marketing of pecans and (2) the information provided in response to the above items is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. The organization also agrees to take reasonable steps to publicize to non-members the availability of open Board positions and will consider nominating a non-member if he or she expresses an interest in serving on the Board. The Secretary of Agriculture may examine our books, documents, papers, records, files, and facilities to verify any of the information submitted and may procure such other information as may be required to determine this organization's eligibility for certification.

Print Name and Title of Person Completing this Application

Signature

(please use additional paper if needed statement)

Date

(see reverse for burden/non-discrimination statement)

IMPORTANT NOTES

NOTE: Information is collected in order to determine eligibility of organizations to nominate importers to serve as members of the American Pecan Promotion Board. Application is voluntary and information is held confidential.

Organizations must apply for certification by the Secretary to be eligible to participate in the making of nomination of importers to serve as members of the Board as provided in the Pecan Promotion, Research, and Information Order. Information submitted in response to all items must be complete. Please type or print clearly. Send original only to:

**Branch
Street, City, State, Zip Code**

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