

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ON FRESH PRODUCE ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAS

Thank you for your interest in membership. Part of the application process requires that applicants provide 3 reference letters from existing FPAA distributor members. A reference email will be accepted in lieu of a letter and can be sent to: emmis@freshfrommexico.com from those companies. When your application, membership fees and 3 reference letters are received they will be reviewed at the next scheduled board meeting. The annual membership fees are due every September, if you join the FPAA in any other month your dues will be prorated.

DISTRIBUTOR MEMBERS: The annual dues for all Regular Members are \$1,500.00. These dues are due and payable on October 1. Failure to pay annual dues by December 31 shall be just cause for expulsion. Effective September 16, 2001, the fee for each full load crossed shall be \$14.00.¹ A full truck is defined as any crossing with at least 13,607 kilograms (30,000 pounds), except for trucks crossing bell peppers and eggplants. A "full truck" for eggplants and bell peppers is defined as any crossing with at least 10,432 kilograms (23,000 pounds). For trucks carrying less than 13,607 kilograms (30,000 pounds) - other than bell peppers and eggplants, the charge will be calculated at \$0.799 per metric ton. Less than full loads of bell peppers and eggplants shall be charged at \$1.102 per metric ton.¹ Each full load equivalent contains a \$4.00 special assessment to pay for advocacy efforts. The assessment is authorized on a yearly basis by the general membership.

These fees shall be billed semi-monthly and are due and payable upon receipt. Any balance exceeding 30 days shall be considered delinquent and shall be just cause for expulsion. Further, any special assessments approved by the Regular Membership are due within 30 days of such billing date and failure to pay such special assessment within such time frame shall be just cause for expulsion.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: The annual dues for all Associate Members are \$1,500.00.² These dues are due and payable on October 1. Failure to pay annual dues by December 31 shall be just cause for expulsion. Associate Members in good standing shall have the right to vote for up to 2 Associate Directors as provided for in Article IX of the Bylaws of the Association ("Bylaws").² On May 15, 2018 at the Annual Membership meeting it was agreed to amend the special assessment to: Brokers: \$1,250, CHB \$750, and other business \$500 assessment, depending on company status to pay for expanded advocacy efforts. The assessment is authorized on a yearly basis by the membership. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

ASSIGNMENT TO MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION: The classification of membership shall be made at the time a member is admitted into the Association and may be changed or extended when circumstances require. An Associate Member shall become a Regular Member provided that the Associate Member meets the criteria set forth in Article III A) of the Bylaws and the requirements for distributors. When a Distributor Member has not distributed or received for sale and distribution at least one (1) truck lot/car lot or more of fruit and/or vegetables for one (1) year prior to the Annual Membership Meeting in May, the member's status will be changed from a Distributor to an Associate Member.

DIVISIONS & SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS: The Board of Directors shall also have the authority to establish and create divisions from within the membership of the Association composed of members who specialize in distributing a particular commodity or type of fruit and/or vegetable or members from a particular geographic region or state, or in the case of Associate Members, who provide a particular type of product, service or function within the produce industry. The Board of Directors may by official Board policy determine the terms and conditions of membership, powers, duties, and responsibilities of the various divisions that may be established. Currently, the Association has established the following Divisions: Tomato, Mango, Grape, and Customhouse Brokers.



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date: _____

Company Name: _____

Type of Business: _____

(Broker, CHB, Distributor, Other)

Contact & Mailing Address Information

Description of services and/or products provided to the produce industry: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Email: _____

P.A.C.A License #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Is your company an owner of or affiliate with other companies that serve as an importer of record of fresh produce from Mexico? If so, please provide the name(s) and PACA number(s):

Physical Address: _____

Co: _____ PACA #: _____

Phone: _____

Co: _____ PACA #: _____

Fax: _____

Website: _____

Principals:

Distributor Member Pro-Forma Requirements:

President: _____

I authorize my Customhouse Broker(s) to provide Pro-Forma details to the FPAA on at least a weekly Basis for assessment fee calculation.

Vice President: _____

General Manager: _____

Signature

MEMBERSHIP IN THE FPAA IS NOT TRANSFERABLE OR ASSIGNABLE

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Signature

Date

Name(s) of Customhouse Broker(s)