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§917.20 Designation of members of commodity committees.

There are hereby established a Pear Commodity Committee and a Peach Commodity Committee each consisting of 13 members. Each commodity committee may be increased by one public member nominated by the respective commodity committee and selected by the Secretary. The members of each said committees shall be selected biennially for a term ending on the last day of February of odd numbered years, and such members shall serve until their respective successors are selected and have qualified. The members of each commodity committee shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of §917.25.

[41 FR 17528, Apr. 27, 1976, as amended at 56 FR 46369, Sept. 12, 1991]

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 59 FR 10055, Mar. 3, 1994, in §917.20, the words "a Pear Commodity Committee and" were suspended, effective April 4, 1994.

§917.21 Nomination of Pear Commodity Committee members.

Nominations for membership on the Pear Commodity Committee shall be made by the growers of pears in the respective representation areas as follows:

- (a) North Sacramento Valley District and the Central Sacramento Valley District one nominee.
- (b) Sacramento River District, Stockton District, Stanislaus District, Contra Costa District, Santa Clara District, and Solano District four nominees.
- (c) Placer-Colfax District one nominee.
- (d) Lake District four nominees.
- (e) Mendocino District and the North Bay District one nominee.
- (f) El Dorado District one nominee.
- (g) All of the production area not included in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section one nominee.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 59 FR 10055, Mar. 3, 1994, §917.21 was suspended, effective April 4, 1994.

§917.22 Nomination of Peach Commodity Committee members.

Nominations for membership on the Peach Commodity Committee shall be

made by growers of peaches in the respective representation areas, as follows:

- (a) *District 1* composed of the Fresno District: seven nominees.
- (b) *District 2* composed of the Tulare District: three nominees.
- (c) *District 3* composed of the Tehachapi District and Kern District: one nominee.
- (d) *District 5* composed of the South Coast District and Southern California District: one nominee.
- (e) *District 4* composed of the Stanislaus District, Stockton District and all of the production area not included in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section: one nominee.

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§917.24 Procedure for nominating members of various commodity committees.

(a) The Control Committee shall hold or cause to be held not later than January 31 for peaches and not later than February 15 for pears of each odd numbered year a meeting or meetings of the growers of the fruits in each representation area set forth in §§917.21 and 917.22. These meetings shall be supervised by the Control Committee, which shall prescribe such procedure as shall be reasonable and fair to all persons concerned.

(b) With respect to each commodity committee only growers of the particular fruit who are present at such nomination meetings or represented at such meetings by duly authorized employees may participate in the nomination and election of nominees for commodity committee members and alternates. Each such grower, including employees of such grower, shall be entitled to cast but one vote for each position to be filled for the representation area in which he produces such fruit. All peach growers, or authorized employees, will receive a ballot for the nominees in the district in which they produce and are entitled to vote accordingly. A peach grower who produces in multiple districts is allowed to vote only in one district, and may exchange his/her ballot for that of nominees in another district provided the grower is producing in the district for which he/she wants to participate.

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For both commodity committees, each such grower, including employees of such grower, shall be entitled to cast but one vote for each position to be filled for the representation area in which he/she produces such fruit.

(c) A particular grower, including employees of such growers, shall be eligible for membership as principle or alternate to fill only one position on a commodity committee. A grower nominated for membership on the Pear Commodity Committee must have produced at least 51 percent of the pears shipped by him during the previous fiscal period, or he must represent an organization which produced at least 51 percent of the pears shipped by it during such period. The members and alternates of the Peach Commodity Committee shall be growers, or shall be authorized employees of such growers and at least 50% of the nominees from each representation area shall be pure growers.

(d) For peaches, no person shall serve more than three (3) consecutive two-year terms of office or a total of six (6) consecutive years; *Provided*, That an appointment to fill less than a two-year term of office, or serving one (1) term as an alternate, shall not be included in determining the (3) consecutive terms of office; *Provided further*, That time served prior to the effective date of this section shall not be counted toward consecutive term limits. The members shall serve until their respective successors are selected and have qualified.

[41 FR 17528, Apr. 27, 1976, as amended at 56 FR 46369, Sept. 12, 1991; 71 FR 41352, July 21, 2006]

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTES: 1. At 59 FR 10055, Mar. 3, 1994, in §917.24, paragraph (a), the words “§917.21 and” and in paragraph (c) the words “A grower nominated for membership on the Pear Commodity Committee must have produced at least 51 percent of the pears shipped by him during the previous fiscal period, or he must represent an organization which produced at least 51 percent of the pears shipped by it during such period.” were suspended, effective Apr. 4, 1994.

2. At 72 FR 7821, Feb. 21, 2007, in §917.24, paragraph (a), the words “and not later than February 15 for pears” were suspended effective February 21, 2007.

§ 917.25 Selection of members of various commodity committees.

(a) The Secretary shall select the members of each commodity committee from nominations made by growers, as provided in §§917.21 through 917.24, or from among other eligible persons. Any person selected as a member of a commodity committee shall qualify by filing with the Secretary a written acceptance of the appointment.

(b) For the Peach Commodity Committee, each person to be selected by the Secretary as a member or as an alternate member of the committee shall, prior to such selection, qualify by advising the Secretary that he/she agrees to serve in the position for which nominated for selection.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 71 FR 41352, July 21, 2006, in §917.25, paragraph (a), the words “§917.21 through” were suspended, effective Jan. 1, 2007.

§ 917.26 Failure to nominate.

If nominations are not made within the time and in the manner prescribed in §§917.21 through 917.24, the Secretary may, without regard to nominations, select the member and alternate members of commodity committees on the basis of representation provided in §§917.21 and 917.22. In the event nominations are not made for membership on the Control Committee, pursuant to the provisions of §§917.17 and 917.18, by May 1 of each year, the Secretary may select such members without waiting for nominees to be designated.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 59 FR 10056, Mar. 3, 1994, in §917.26, the words “§917.21 through” and “§917.21 and” were suspended, effective April 4, 1994.

§ 917.27 Alternates.

There shall be an alternate for each member of the Control Committee, and an alternate for each member of each commodity committee. Each such alternate shall possess the same qualifications, shall be nominated and selected in the same manner and shall hold office for the same term, as the member for whom he is alternate. An alternate shall, in the event of such member's absence at a meeting of the