

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Company Name: _____

P.A.C.A. license #: _____
(if applicable)

Contact and Mailing Address Information

Primary Contact _____

Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Fax (____) _____

Website _____

Alternative Address Information

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____

Type of Business _____
(Distributor, Broker, CHB, Other)

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

We operate as a:

(corporation, partnership, LLC, etc.)

Principals:

President _____

Vice President _____

General Manager _____

Is your company an owner of, or affiliated with, any 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):

Co: _____ PACA # _____

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Distributor Member

Pro-Forma Requirements

I authorize my Customhouse Broker(s) to provide pro-forma details to the Association on at least a weekly basis for assessment fee calculation.

Signature _____ Title _____

Name(s) of Customhouse Broker(s)

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE OR ASSIGNABLE.

Date _____

Print Name _____

Title _____

Signature _____

For FPAA office use only.

Date application received: _____ Date of board approval: _____

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ON FRESH PRODUCE ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAS

Thank you for your interest in membership. When your application, payment and reference letters are received they will be reviewed at the next scheduled board meeting. Part of the application process requires that applicants provide 3 reference letters from existing FPAA distributor members. This list can be found at:

<http://www.freshfrommexico.com/directory.php?pg=16>. A reference email will be accepted in lieu of a letter and can be sent to: mar@freshfrommexico.com from those companies. Following the vote, our office will contact you with the results. An example of the information we need to receive from your references is as follows:

Fresh Produce Association of the Americas / New Member Reference Letter

Today's date

It is with pleasure that I recommend “*your company name here*” for membership as a distributor (or associate) member in the Fresh Produce Association of the Americas.

Name **FEES**

Company

REGULAR MEMBERS The annual dues for all Regular Members are \$1,500.00. Members of the San Diego Division that are not separate and distinct business entities, but divisions of existing regular members do not pay an additional \$1,500. 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.

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”).

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 Regular Members. When a Regular 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 Regular to an Associate Member.

DIVISIONS

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. At the present time, the Association has established the following Divisions: Tomato, Mango, Grape, San Diego, and Customhouse Brokers.

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. ² Associate members are billed an additional \$1,000, \$500, or \$250 assessment, depending on company status, to pay for expanded advocacy efforts. The assessment is authorized on a yearly basis by the general membership.