



NATIONAL PROCESSED RASPBERRY COUNCIL

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TO: Importers and Domestic Producers of Raspberries for Processing

FROM: Tom Krugman, NPRC Executive Director

DATE: June 25, 2014

SUBJECT: Assessment Collection for the National Processed Raspberry Council

Domestic Producers of raspberries for processing and Importers of processed raspberries voted in a referendum to approve implementation of the Processed Raspberry Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order). A final rule was published in the Federal Register on May 8, 2012 which put the Order into effect (www.regulations.gov).

Nutrition Research and Wellness Communications programs implemented by the Council are funded by a mandatory assessment of one cent per pound paid by producers of raspberries for processing and importers of processed raspberries. Producers and importers of less than 20,000 pounds per year of raspberries for processing and processed raspberries respectively are exempt from paying assessments, but must apply to the Council on a form provided by the Council for an exemption. Assessments remitted to the Council are used to carry out activities intended to strengthen the position of the processed raspberry industry in the marketplace. In addition, the Council will work to develop, maintain, and expand domestic markets for processed raspberries and raspberries for processing.

The Council is required to collect assessments on domestic raspberries that were processed and processed raspberries that were imported beginning September 5, 2012. The assessment rate is one cent per pound. ***Assessments for each Crop Year (October 1 – September 30) must be received by October 31.***

The following five attachments are included with this letters:

- 1) The Frequently Asked Questions For Submission Of Assessments
- 2) The First Handler's/Importer's Report for Processed Raspberry Promotion, Research, and Information Order
- 3) The Sample First Handler's/Importer's Report for Processed Raspberry Promotion, Research, and Information Order along with the Examples for Calculating the Assessment
- 4) The National Raspberry Council Application for Exemption from Assessment
- 5) The Organic Exemption Request Form

Importers can use the data indicated by U.S. Custom's import records included below. The Council will invoice importers quarterly until such time that U.S. Customs begins to collect assessments from importers.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (360) 354-0948 or by e-mail at tkrugman@redrazz.org, or U.S. Department of Agriculture, Marketing Specialist Tarun Harit at (202) 720-9916, or by email at Tarun.harit@ams.usda.gov

Attachments