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To: California Kiwifruit Handlers and Packers

From: Chris Zanobini, Jeremy Toews

Re: 2025/26 Handlers Packet

Here is your Kiwifruit Handlers Packet for the 2025/26 crop year. Please take notice of the following:

KAC ASSESSMENT RATE

The assessment rate is the same as last season - \$0.035 per 9 kilo (19.8 lb.) volume fill container or equivalent.

ASSESSMENT BILLING

Assessments are calculated based on the annual sales reported on the Year End FOB Sales Report. If the Year End FOB Sales report is not received by May 10th, handlers will receive an assessment invoice based on shipments reported to KAC from the beginning of the season through April 30th. Once a Year End FOB Sales Report has been received, KAC will calculate the total assessments due, assessments already paid will be deducted and a second invoice will be sent to the handler for the remaining balance. Handlers who submit their Year End FOB Sales Report by May 10th will receive one invoice.

PACKING and INSPECTION

- Packing Regulations – There are no changes from last season.
- Inspection Required for all Kiwifruit Varieties - All fresh kiwifruit shipments, wherever marketed, must be inspected and are required to be stamped with a valid SPI-USDA, Positive Lot Identification (PLI) stamp, authorized Waiver number or authorized restyle verification number.
- Restyled Product – Previously inspected kiwifruit that is restyled must either be reinspected or receive prior authorization from SPI to ship fruit under the restyle verification option.

ILLEGAL SALES

Sales or gifts of uninspected kiwifruit to those who will resell it or transport it for resale are in violation of the Federal Marketing Order. Failure to comply with the conditions of the Marketing Order Regulations can subject the violator to fines up to \$5,000 per count.

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