



## ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPEN SEATS on the HASS AVOCADO BOARD

### HASS AVOCADO IMPORTER MEMBERS & ALTERNATES

The Hass Avocado Board (HAB) announces the availability of two open importer seats on the Board, one (director) member seat and one (alternate) member seat. Persons appointed to fill these seats will serve on the Board from November 1, 2022, to October 31, 2025.

**Importers who are interested in serving as a (director) member or (alternate) member of HAB must complete and return the form provided below. Completed forms may be faxed, emailed, or mailed, but must be received at the HAB office no later than March 30, 2022. Importers that would like to nominate another importer, shall have the nominee complete this form and attach a nomination cover letter.**

#### Qualification Requirements:

To be eligible to serve on the Board as an importer (director) member or (alternate) member, importers must be in accordance with:

1. Section 1219.30(a) of the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order) requires every board member and alternate to be domiciled in the United States. Domiciled means a place where a person has their true, fixed, and permanent home, and to which whenever they are absent, they have the intention of returning. A person may have more than one residence but only one domicile. *Black's Law Dictionary* (5<sup>th</sup> Edition). No single document, fact or circumstance, is conclusive in determining United States domicile, and if a nominee, member, or alternate is uncertain of his or her domicile status, he or she should consult his or her attorney.
2. Section 1219.30(d) of the Order, defines an "Importer" as a "person who is involved in, as a substantial activity, the importation of Hass avocados for sale or marketing in the United States (either directly or as an agent, broker, or consignee of any person that produces Hass avocados outside of the United States for sale in the United States), who is subject to assessments under the Order, and who is listed by U.S. Customs as the importer of record for such Hass avocados. A substantial activity means that the volume of a person's Hass avocado imports must exceed the volume of the person's production or handling of domestic Hass avocados. In addition, the term "person" (as defined in §1219.19 of the Order) means any individual, group of individuals, firm, partnership, corporation, joint stock company, association, cooperative, or any other legal entity.

Following receipt of nominee names, HAB will engage an independent Certified Public Accounting firm to conduct an industry vote to arrive at two names for each open seat. The names of those receiving the highest number of votes for the available seats will be submitted to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary). The Secretary will make the final decision on who will be appointed to fill the open seats. For information, call HAB at 949-341-3250.

If you are an importer and would like to be considered as a nominee for the importer (director) member and/or (alternate) member seat, complete and sign below and return this form to the Hass Avocado Board.

By my signature I hereby certify that I meet the qualification requirements to serve as an importer on the Hass Avocado Board.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Must be received in HAB office no later than March 30, 2022**

**Return via Fax to: Hass Avocado Board, 949-341-3253**

**Scan and email to:**

**silvia@hassavocadoboard.com**

**Or mail to:**

**HAB Board Open Seats**

**25212 Marguerite Pkwy. Ste. 250**

**Mission Viejo, CA 92629**

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