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California Winegrape Inspection Marketing Agreement Notice of 2009 Inspection Fees

TO THE VINTNER/PROCESSOR ADDRESSED:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), upon the recommendation of the California Winegrape Inspection Marketing Agreement Advisory Board (Board) has established the winegrape inspection fees for the 2009-2010 fiscal year (May 1, 2009 – April 30, 2010). As you know, the Agreement is authorized to conduct third party inspection of winegrapes as well as to conduct research relating to inspection procedures of winegrapes. The funds for administering this program are generated by industry assessments levied equitably upon winegrape vintners/processors that have signed-up to participate in the Agreement and the winegrape growers who sell to them (provided the Program's services are used).

For wineries that require the inspection of up to 3,499 tons per week (Sunday through Saturday)

- \$40.00 per regular hour (4hr. minimum) + \$60.00 overtime hour, for a total not to exceed the limits of the Marketing Act
- 50% of the fees must be paid by the vintner and 50% must be paid by the grower

For wineries that require the inspection of 3,500 tons or more per week (Sunday through Saturday)

- \$0.64 per ton
- 50% of the fees must be paid by the vintner and 50% must be paid by the grower

Special Inspections

- \$80.00 per regular hour (8hr. minimum) + \$120.00 overtime hour + mileage + expenses, as applicable, for a total not to exceed the limits of the Marketing Act
- 50% of the fees must be paid by the vintner and 50% must be paid by the grower

Reinspections

- \$0.64 per ton (including tonnage originally inspected at the minimum daily rate), not to exceed the limits of the Marketing Act.
- To be paid by the party requesting the inspection

As you can see, the assessments are split evenly between growers and vintners/processors. However, in order to facilitate the collection of the assessments, vintner/processors are required to remit both their portion of the assessment, as well as the grower's. A vintner/processor may subsequently deduct the assessments paid on behalf of a grower from any money owed by him/her to said producer. The Board office will contact you with details on the procedure to remit assessments.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Munson, Manager of the Winegrape Inspection Board, at (559) 591-4960, or call Glenn Yost at this office.

Sincerely,

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Marketing Branch

