

## **HEA Regulations For Walnuts - Voting**

### **Background Information**

NZWIG has formed the view that walnut producers and exporters are likely to benefit significantly from having their exported walnuts regulated, in accordance with the New Zealand Horticulture Export Authority Act 1987 (Act). If sufficient industry support can be demonstrated for NZWIG to become a recognised product group for walnuts under the Act, commercial walnut producers and exporters will become subject to a new regulatory regime. As part of this regime:

- The HEA regulations would only apply to unprocessed walnuts. (The potential for these to be substandard, thus ruining NZ's reputation, is much higher than for processed product).
- NZWIG would prepare an Export Marketing Strategy, to be approved by the New Zealand Horticulture Export Authority, which would set out a vision for the New Zealand walnut industry, and rules that apply to all commercial New Zealand walnut producers and exporters; and
- New Zealand walnut producers and exporters would become subject to an export licensing regime, and only exporters with an export licence (or licence exemption) issued by the New Zealand Horticulture Export Authority will be permitted to export New Zealand produced walnuts.
- There will be costs on the walnut industry (producers and exporters) if the industry comes under licensing regime of the Act, including:
  - A. exporters paying licence application fees to the Authority every 5 years and annual fees (annual fees could range between \$1,000 and \$2,000 per exporter, depending on the fee category the Authority determines for walnut exporting);
  - B. exporters and producers paying fees or levies to meet NZWIG's cost of operating under the Act; and
  - C. NZWIG paying annual levy of \$500 to the Authority to meet the Authority's costs of operating the licensing regime for the walnut industry.
  - D. The regime would allow for small trial shipments prior to a licence being required.

### **Who is entitled to vote?**

- Every producer or exporter of walnuts produced in New Zealand for exports is eligible to vote. A 'producer' is a person with walnut trees that are already bearing walnuts, and is producing walnuts for commercial purposes.
- A producer or exporter that votes must vote 'yes' or 'no' to the proposal, and must declare the free on board value of his/her exports of New Zealand produced walnuts that he/she has produced or exported over the last 2 years.
- Where a producer is also an exporter, he/she may vote as a producer and declare the free on board value of his/her production of New Zealand produced walnuts, and may also vote separately as an exporter and declare the free on board value of his/her exports of New Zealand produced walnuts.

## Voting Form

Having read and understood the background information provided, do you support New Zealand Walnut Industry Group's proposal to seek an order under the New Zealand Horticulture Export Authority Act 1987 to regulate export of all New Zealand produced walnuts?

*Please tick your vote inside the box*

Yes

No

*Please also indicate:*

The free on board value of walnuts that I have **grown and sold** over the last 2 years;

\_\_\_\_\_ [insert date] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [insert value}

*(Free on board defined for the grower as the net price received for walnuts at the factory or processor's door or the retail price if sold directly to customers)*

and/or

The free on board value of New Zealand produced walnuts that I have **exported** over the last 2 years to;

\_\_\_\_\_ [insert date] \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [insert value}

Name of producer/exporter: \_\_\_\_\_

**The information that you have given on this voting form will be treated as confidential will not be used for any purpose other than this HEA vote**

*When complete please scan or photograph and email to NZWIG care of Ian Sheerin  
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*To reach Ian no later than the 20th of September 2018. (This date has been extended by one month from the date previously notified)*

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