



## **NATIONAL MANGO BOARD**

### **FIRST HANDLER**

### **NOMINATIONS PACKET**

January 8, 2024

The National Mango Board (NMB) is seeking nominations from mango importers to fill one (1) member seat for First Handler on the NMB to serve a 3- year term beginning in January 2025.

According to the Mango Order, to qualify as eligible First Handler nominees must be: (excluding a common or contact carrier) receiving 500,000 or more pounds of mangos from producers in a calendar year and who as an owner, agents, or otherwise ships or causes mangos to be shipped as specified in the order. This definition includes those engaged in business of buying, selling and/or offering for sale; receiving; packing; Marketing; or mangos in a commercial quantities. The term first handler includes a producer who handles or markets mangos of the producer's own production. (7 CFR §1206.6)

As a Mango First Handler, you qualify to nominate yourself or another party for the position on the Board in the forthcoming election. If you are interested in serving, please complete and return the enclosed Nomination and Statement of Eligibility & Commitment forms. If you would like to nominate someone else, you will need to obtain a Statement of Eligibility & Commitment Form from the other person certifying that he or she meets the eligibility requirements, is willing to be nominated, and if appointed, to serve on the Board. If you are nominating more than one person, please make copies or you can download the forms from the NMB's web site: <http://www.mango.org/en/nominations>.

Once eligible First Handlers have been identified, a ballot will be prepared and mailed to all eligible importers to determine those importers to be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture for selection. Two names are needed for each position available (Two Names for the current nomination). The Secretary will then appoint one First Handler to serve on the Board.

Nominations must be received by NMB no later **than 6:00 p.m. EST. on Thursday, February 29, 2024.**

#### **Submission of Nomination to NMB**

Once nomination forms are completed, nomination forms must be emailed, faxed, or mailed to NMB. Incomplete or unsigned forms will not be accepted by the NMB. If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact Gabriela Rocha; NMB Operations Manager.

#### **Mail to:**

National Mango Board  
Attn: Gabriela Rocha  
3319 Maguire Blvd, Suite 129  
Orlando, FL 32803

Tel: (407) 629-7318, Ext. 112  
Fax: (407) 629-7593  
Cell: (321) 830-9430  
Email: [nominations@mango.org](mailto:nominations@mango.org)

**NATIONAL MANGO BOARD**  
**NOMINATION TO SERVE ON THE NATIONAL MANGO BOARD**  
(Under the Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order (7 CFR Part 1206))

The Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order provides that importers, first handlers, domestic producers, and foreign producer organizations may submit nominees to serve on the National Mango Board. Nominees for first handlers and domestic producers may be submitted by respective entities; importers may submit nominees for their respective region(s); and eligible foreign producer organizations may submit nominees for foreign producer positions.

*Attach a separate sheet if additional space is needed. Please submit a separate form for each nominee.*

NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF  
NOMINEE

CHECK ONE

( ) DOMESTIC PRODUCER

**Domestic Producer** means any person who is engaged in the production and sale of mangos in the United States and who owns, or shares the ownership and risk of loss of, the crop or a person who is engaged in the business of producing, or causing to be produced, mangos beyond the person's own family use and having value at first point of sale.

( ) FIRST HANDLER

**First Handler** means any person, (excluding a common or contract carrier), receiving 500,000 or more pounds of domestic mangos from producers in a calendar year and who as owner, agent, or otherwise ships or causes domestic mangos to be shipped as specified in the Order. This definition includes those engaged in the business of buying, selling and/or offering for sale; receiving; packing; grading; marketing; or distributing domestic mangos in commercial quantities. The term first handler includes a producer who handles or markets domestic mangos of the producer's own production.

( ) IMPORTER

**Importer** means any person importing 500,000 or more pounds of mangos into the United States in a calendar year as a principal or as an agent, broker, or consignee of any person who produces or handles mangos outside of the United States for sale in the United States, and who is listed as the importer of record for such mangos.

( ) FOREIGN PRODUCER

**Foreign Producer** means any person:

1. Who is engaged in the production and sale of mangos outside of the United States and who owns, or shares the ownership and risk of loss of the crop for sale in the U.S. market; or
2. Who is engaged, outside of the United States, in the business of producing, or causing to be produced, mangos beyond the person's own family use and having value at first point of sale.

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PARTY OR ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION SUBMITTING NOMINATION

NAME OF RESPONDING OFFICIAL (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

TITLE OF RESPONDING OFFICIAL (PRINT)

DATE

RETURN ORIGINAL TO: NATIONAL MANGOBOARD  
3319 Maguire Blvd. Ste. 129  
Orlando, Fl. 32803  
Telephone No. (407) 629-7318

## DIVERSTIY STATEMENT

The National Mango Board (NMB) encourages industry members to participate without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, size of business/operation, and marital or family status or other basis protected by U.S. law to participate in NMB activities and seek a position on the NMB.

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## STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY & COMMITMENT

I certify that I am a Importer of mango in the United States and that Imported 500,000 pounds or more of fresh mango during the previous calendar year. I am willing to be nominated, and if appointed, to serve on the National Mango Board (NMB).

If appointed as a board member to the NMB, I understand I am expected to attend approximately three (3) in person meetings annually and three (3) committee meetings, either in person or via teleconference, per committee. I understand the NMB policy is to provide board members reimbursement for travel expenses that are deemed reasonable and necessary business costs.

***(Please type or print)***

Company/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature:



Please type or print why you are applying for this vacant seat on the National Mango Board (Board). Be sure to include your background and experience. Be advised, any information you provide will be reprinted and distributed with the final ballot and will be used by voters in determining their selection. By providing this information, you hereby consent to having it published with the final ballot.

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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON NOMINATIONS**

### **1. What is the deadline for submitting nominations?**

*Nominations must be received at the NMB's office by **February 29, 2024, by 6:00pm.** Late submissions will not be accepted.*

### **2. Which positions are available for the current nominations?**

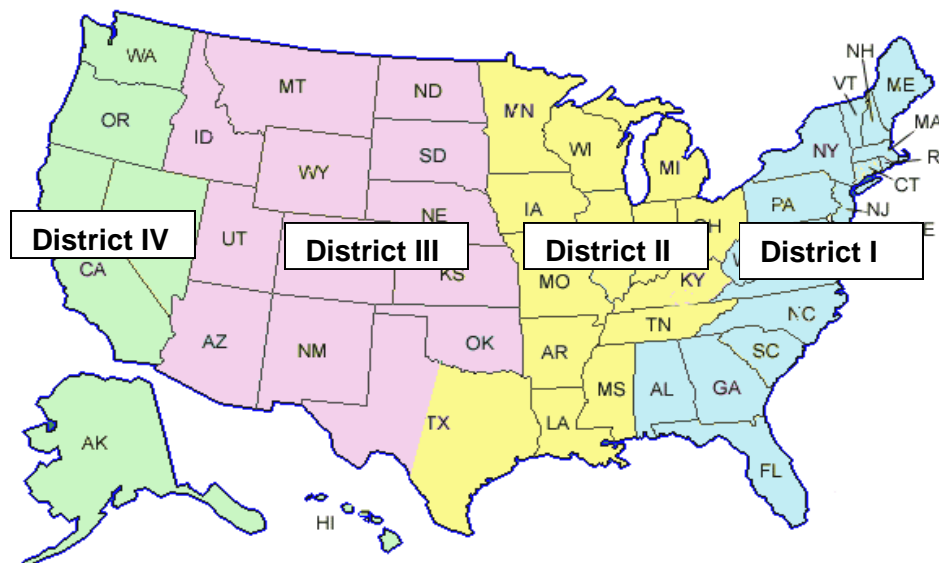
*The following positions are available:*

- **Foreign Producers: 2**
- **Importer (District I): 2**
- **Domestic Producer: 1**
- **First Handler: 1**

*For the nomination packets visit: <http://www.mango.org/en/nominations>*

### **3. What areas include the NMB Importer Districts?**

*These areas represent the U.S. Customs Districts.*



### **4. How is the process for domestic producers, first handlers and importers conducted?**

- *NMB staff will send nomination packets to industry members.*
- *After receiving nominations from industry members, NMB staff will mail or email voting ballots listing the candidates in alphabetical order.*
- *For each position, the nominee who receives the highest number of votes and the nominee who receives the second highest number of votes will be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture and in this order, (i.e. in the current nominations, four names will be submitted for Importers in District I.)*
- *NMB staff will send background forms to these nominees.*
- *NMB staff will submit the number of votes and background information forms for each candidate to the Secretary.*
- *Of the two nominee names submitted for each position, the Secretary will appoint the NMB member, (i.e. in the current nominations, two importers for District I)*

**5. Who is eligible to be nominated or to vote for domestic producers, first handler and importers?**

*All known eligible domestic producers, first handlers and importers (produced or importer on record of 500,000 pounds or more of fresh mangos into the United States in the last calendar year). Reference the Mango Promotion, Research and Information Order for more information.*

**6. Can a company that has office locations in different Districts submit nominees for each of the Districts?**

*Yes.*

**7. Can a company that has an office location in only one District submit more than one nominee?**

*Yes.*

**8. In the instance that an industry member performs multiple tasks, for example, domestic producer, first handler and importer, can this industry member be nominated for all the three (3) categories?**

*Yes, they can nominate themselves and/or be nominated by their peers to all three (3) categories. The nominee must meet the eligibility of each seat they are nominated for.*

**9. How is voting for domestic producers, first handler, and importers going to be made?**

*Voting will be conducted via email and mail.*

**10. Can a company that has office locations in different districts vote in each district?**

*Yes. For example, if a company operates in both District I and District II, the company may cast votes for both District I and District II.*

**11. How is the process for foreign producers conducted?**

- *Foreign producers should be nominated by a Foreign Mango Organization (FMO) or can nominate themselves.*
- *NMB staff will solicit the names of nominees from known FMOs of the six (6) major mango producing countries exporting to the U.S.*
- *FMOs of each country may submit two nominees' names for each position.*
- *NMB staff will also send a press release to the FMOs and ask them to send it out to the media.*
- *NMB staff will submit the names of all candidates to the Secretary of Agriculture*
- *Out of the candidates submitted, the Secretary will appoint two NMB Members*

**12. What do you mean by “are you a federally registered lobbyist”?  
(Question 8a. on background form)**

- *Please confirm if you are a federally registered lobbyist in the United States.*

**DIVERSITY STATEMENT**

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For more information, visit USDA website regarding the importance of Diversity on Research & Promotion Boards





## **NATIONAL MANGO BOARD MEMBER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Understand and comply with the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 (Act), the Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order), rules and regulations, and USDA guidelines.
2. Be dedicated to the mission, goals, and objectives of the Mango Board (Board). Represent the members of the Mango industry.
  - a. Act as ambassador of the NMB
    - i. Speak on behalf of the NMB.
    - ii. Represent NMB to peers.
3. Serve the industry impartially, making decisions based on the welfare of the industry as a whole rather than on personal or business considerations. To ensure fair and equal treatment of all industry peers in market promotion and research programs.
4. Regularly attend the Mango Board meetings and come prepared to discuss the issues and business to be addressed.
5. Select Board officers, committees, and subcommittees at the start of each fiscal period or at other appropriate times.
6. Appoint an executive committee and delegate authority to administer duties under Board direction and within Board policies.
7. Develop Board policies, bylaws and procedures for approval by USDA for Board implementation, and recommend amendments to rules and regulations under the Order, as necessary.
8. Ensure staff compliance with the Act, Order, rules and regulations, bylaws, Board policies and procedures, and USDA policies.
9. Develop programs and projects to carry out the mission of the Board (use a fiscal year marketing plan) and forward to USDA for approval prior to implementation. Enter into contracts or agreements to develop and carry out approved programs and projects. Secure USDA approval prior to implementation of contracts and agreements.
10. Demonstrate fiscal responsibility by performing the following: recommend an assessment rate; prepare fiscal budgets; amend budgets as necessary; set a reserve; ensure that the staff issues monthly financial reports and accurate records of Board actions and transactions; ensure that the books of the board are audited each fiscal year; and evaluate the effectiveness of all programs and projects to assure wise stewardship of industry funds.

11. Ensure efficient and timely enforcement of the Act and Order by staff; ensure identification, investigation/audit of violators and the complete documentation of cases and a timely referral of compliance cases to USDA.
12. Assist in securing qualified candidates for membership on the Board.
13. Promote industry unity. Advise the industry of the Board's mission, goals, objectives, projects and programs. Support the programs, projects, and actions of the Board outside of its meetings.
14. Maintain the highest standard of personal and professional conduct when representing the Board. Avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest.
15. Make decisions for the good of the entire industry.