

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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Docket No. 16-0016-AO-FV  
AMS-SC-16-0011; SC16-989-1

In re:

Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California;  
Hearing on Proposed Amendment of Marketing  
Order No. 989

**APPEARANCES:**

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**BEFORE:**

Chief Judge Bobbie J. McCartney

**ORDER CERTIFYING TRANSCRIPT**

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 553 and notice published in the Federal Register, 81 Fed. Reg. 23650 (April 22, 2016), a hearing on the proposed amendments to the marketing order that regulates the handling of raisins produced from grapes grown in California (Marketing Order No. 989, 7 CFR Part 989) was held on May 3 and 4, 2016, in Clovis, California.

On May 27, 2016, two volumes of transcript, one for each hearing day, were filed with the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Hearing Clerk.

On July 8, 2016, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) filed proposed corrections to the record transcript of the hearing. No objections having been raised, those proposed corrections are hereby **ADOPTED** as follows:

**May 3, 2016:**

<b><u>Page</u></b>	<b><u>Line/Exhibit</u></b>	<b><u>Correction</u></b>
4	Ex 7	Add at end of document "Provided by RBA"
5	Ex 18	Strike "Spate", insert "of Steve Spate" after "Testimony"
5	Ex 19	Insert at the end title "for 2008-09"
5	Ex 20	Insert at the end title "for 2009-10"
5	Ex 21	Insert at the end title "for 2010-11"
5	Ex 22	Insert at the end title "for 2011-12"
5	Ex 23	Insert at the end title "for 2012-13"
5	Ex 24	Insert at the end title "for 2013-14"
5	Ex 25	Insert at the end title "for 2014-15"
5	Ex 26	Insert "Rick" before "Stark"
5	Ex 27	Insert "Rick" before "Stark"
5	Ex 28	Insert "Sonet" before "Van"

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5	Ex 29	Insert "Kalem" before "Barsarian"
5	Ex 30	Insert "Jeff" before "Milinovich", insert ": Quality control" after "Milinovich"
5	Ex 31	Insert "Jeff" before "Milinovich", insert ": Regulations for different market destinations" after "Milinovich"
5	Ex 32	Insert "Richard" before "Sahatjian"
5	Ex 33	Insert "Barry" before "Kriebel"
13	4 & 5	Insert "er" at the end of the word "farm", strike the first appearance of "for", insert "of" before "grape"
13	10	Insert "Van" before "Zyl"
13	11	Capitalize the letter "V" in "van"
14	6	Strike the letter "e" at the end of "Propose" and insert "al" at the end of the word
19	18	Change last word from "then" to "than"
27	9	Add the letter "s" at the end of the word "Proposal"
31	20	Change the word "Rath" to "RAC"
36	21	Change "REINHART" to "RYMER" and correct the spelling "Jeffrey Reinhart" to "Jeffery Rymer"
37	1	Change "REINHART" to "RYMER"
37	4	Change "REINHART" to "RYMER"
41	18	Add the letters "ad" to the beginning of the word "minister"
43	9	Remove the letter "g" at the end of the word "Raising"
46	16	Replace the "2015/2015" to read "2014/2015"
68	11	Change the word "growers" to "handlers"
71	13	Change "perspective" to "prospective"
76	19	Change "Schmaedick" to "Chilukuri"
75	3	Change the word "changed" to "charged"
76	20	Replace the word "on" with "off"
85	13	Replace the words "okra toxin" with "ochratoxin"
86	12	Replace "CRB" with "CRMB"
89	20	Replace "41416" with "4-14-16"
90	3	Replace "41416" with "4-14-16"

93	21	Replace the words "okra toxin" with "ochratoxin"
93	22	Replace the words "okra toxin" with "ochratoxin"
98	11	Replace "CRB" with "CRMB"
132	13	Replace "Oenology" with "Enology"
137	3	Change "him" to "her"
146	21	Change "Schmaedick" to "Chilukuri"
151	18	Replace "OIG" with "PED"
159	15	Replace "Oenology" with "Enology"
162	11	Replace "Counsel" with "Committee"
1655	14	Change "Schmaedick" to "Sonet Van Zyl"
176	17	Replace "RDA" with "RBA"
187	6	Replace "organiz" with "organization"
188	14 & 15	Change "Glenn" to "Glen"
208	18	Replace "Delray" with "Del Rey"
228	16	Replace "mem" with "me"
231	16	Remove the word "at" before "30"
231	18	Remove "box for a toxin" replace with
261	10	Change "product" to "produce"
267	13	Change 'destiny" to "destination"

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27	12	Replace "mode" with 'mold"
55	4	Replace "FISMA" with "FSMA"
67	6	Replace "John Marthadal" with "Jon Marthedal"
88	22	Replace "differentients" with "differences"
98	9	Replace "SHERIDAN" with "MCCARTNEY"
103	18	Change "Horn" to "Horne"
104	1	Change "Horn" to "Horne"

Add the letter "A" to "ILP" to  
read "AILP"

On July 21, 2016, the Raisin Administrative Committee (RAC) emailed to the parties proposed corrections to the record transcript of the hearing. The hard copy was filed on July 25, 2016. No objections having been raised, except as to RAC's proposed correction to May 3, 2015 292:4 to delete "as much as l" which objection was **GRANTED**, those proposed corrections are hereby **ADOPTED** as follows:

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289	5	change "head" to "heard"
130	21	change "Steven R. Spate" to "Rick Stark"
132	2	change "Sunmaid" to "Sun-Maid"
132	3	change "Sunmaid" to "Sun-Maid"
132	13	change "Oenology" to "Enology"
132	15	change "County's" to "County"
132	20	change "test" to "pest"
134	3	change "productions" to "production"
138	6	change "Christiansen" to "Christensen"
138	6	change "Dane" to Daane"
138	7	change "Mick Dekusian" to "Nick Dokoozlian"
142	20	change "CMRB" to "CRMB"
13	12	change "Agriculture" to "Viticulture"
159	19	change "taking" to "completing"
160	6	change "a" with "the"
73	19	change "rules" to "ruled"
73	20	change "consists" to "constitutes"
73	20	remove "of"
75	3	change "changed" to "charged"
83	10	after the word "District" add numeric word "three"
85	13	change "okra toxin" to "ochratoxin"
86	12	change "CRB" to "CRMB"
88	5	change "referencing" to "reference"

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27	12	change "mode" to "mold"

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the transcript of the testimony given during the hearing is a true rendition of the testimony, except for any remaining obvious or immaterial spelling, typographical, or grammatical errors, and with the corrections as adopted hereinabove. In accordance with 7 C.F.R. § 900.10, the corrections identified above shall be made by the Hearing Clerk upon the official record copy of the transcript. It should be noted that there may be overlap in the proposed corrections.

I further certify that the record includes the following exhibits:

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Copies of this Certification of Transcript shall be served upon the parties by the Hearing Clerk. The Hearing Clerk is also requested to serve this Certification of Transcript by email on the following persons:

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So ORDERED this 9th day of August, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

  
Bobbi J. McCartney  
Chief Administrative Law Judge