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OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT
COTTON RESEARCH AND PROMOTION ORDER

Please read the Referendum Procedures (see attached) carefully to determine your voting eligibility. Then complete Sections I and II of this ballot and include a copy of one U.S. Customs and Border Protection 7501 showing payment of a cotton fee/assessment for the January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, and return these documents to **U.S. Department of Agriculture, FSA, DAFO, P.O. Box 23704, Washington, D.C. 20026-3704** For your ballot to be counted during the referendum period, your request must be received no later than **November 10, 2009.**

I. VOTE (Mark one box only)

Do you favor the following amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Order:

YES ☐ **NO** ☐

1. Revise 7 CFR 1205.314, of the definition of "cotton-producing state" to read as follows:

"Cotton-producing State" means each of the following States and combination of States: Alabama; Arizona; Arkansas; California-Nevada; Florida; Georgia; Kansas; Louisiana; Mississippi; Missouri-Illinois; New Mexico; North Carolina; Oklahoma; South Carolina; Tennessee-Kentucky; Texas; Virginia.

2. Revise 7 CFR 1205.319, the definition of "cotton-producing region" to read as follows:

"Cotton-producing region" means each of the following groups of cotton-producing States: (a) Southeast Region: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia; (b) Midsouth Region: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri-Illinois, and Tennessee-Kentucky; (c) Southwest Region: Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas; (d) Western Region: Arizona, California-Nevada, and New Mexico.

II. SIGNATURE -ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED BELOW IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.

I **CERTIFY** that I am an eligible producer or importer as defined by the referendum procedures and that the following information contained on this ballot is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and is made in good faith. If this ballot is being cast on behalf of any group of individuals, partnerships, corporation, or other business entity engaged in the production or importation of cotton, I also **CERTIFY** that I have the authority to cast this ballot and will submit evidence thereof if requested.

Print Name

Company Name

Address

Signature

Date

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