

GMA

Membership

January-December 2009

Mission Statement

GMA, The Association of Food, Beverage and Consumer Products Companies, enables its member companies to proactively address the public policy, scientific affairs, product safety and industry issues that impact their ability to create value with and for their customers by advancing their brands and products in a fashion that responsibly improves the quality of consumers' lives.

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Parent Company Applying for Membership:

Name of Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Company Phone: _____ Company Fax : _____

Company Website: _____

Chief Executive Officer:

Name: _____ Full Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Senior Executive Membership Contact: (primary contact relating to all membership issues)

Name: _____ Full Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Is your company: (check one) Public _____ (OR) Private: _____

GMA requires that all members report sales data (see last page) for themselves and any companies, subsidiaries or divisions of the member. Please attach a list of all affiliated companies, subsidiaries and divisions your company currently represents and you want included in your membership dues.

Membership Eligibility

Membership in GMA is open to companies that manufacture, sell and market branded food and consumer-packaged products through retail and wholesale channels of distribution.

Dues

GMA dues are based on U.S. sales by all divisions and/or subsidiaries of the parent company for the last fiscal year. Every active member shall pay dues **no later than February 15** of the year for which the dues are payable. Dues are pro-rated based on the month joined.

Member Mergers/Acquisitions/Dispositions

Following the merger/acquisition or disposition of a company by or with another company, the dues of the resulting company shall be as follows: as of January 1 of the year immediately following the merger/acquisition or disposition, the dues shall be based upon the resulting company's total applicable sales, including those of the merged/acquired or dispossessed business.

Dues Deductibility Percentage

This dues payment is not deductible as a charitable contribution, but is deductible for most members as a business expense; however, GMA estimates that 29.5% of the 2009 dues payment is not deductible as a business expense because of GMA lobbying activities on behalf of members.

Products/Brands

Please attach a list of your products/brands for you as well as your affiliated companies, subsidiaries and divisions. This will allow us to keep our members informed of emerging issues that may be of importance to you and your company(s).

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Information Required for Food/Beverage Processors Only

Does your company have a HACCP system? Yes No

If yes, please enclose a copy of your HACCP plan:

Does your company utilize an independent thermal processing authority or consultant?

Yes No Not Applicable

If yes, please specify:

Does your company provide co-packing services? Yes No

Does your company utilize co-packing services? Yes No

If so, who:		

How many employees (total number, including all plant locations) does your company have? _____

Please list your company's packaging and equipment suppliers:		

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Key Company Personnel

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)		President	
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Address:		Address:	
Phone:	Fax:	Phone:	Fax:
E-mail:		E-mail:	

Government Affairs		Quality Assurance	
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Address:		Address:	
Phone:	Fax:	Phone:	Fax:
E-mail:		E-mail:	

Scientific/Regulatory Affairs		Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Address:		Address:	
Phone:	Fax:	Phone:	Fax:
E-mail:		E-mail:	

Sales		Marketing	
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Address:		Address:	
Phone:	Fax:	Phone:	Fax:
E-mail:		E-mail:	

Consumer Complaints		Public Relations	
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Address:		Address:	
Phone:	Fax:	Phone:	Fax:
E-mail:		E-mail:	

Supply Chain		Distribution	
Name:		Name:	
Title:		Title:	
Address:		Address:	
Phone:	Fax:	Phone:	Fax:
E-mail:		E-mail:	

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GMA requires that all members report sales data for themselves and any companies, subsidiaries or divisions of the member. This data should be incorporated into the total sales.

General Member dues are based on the Member's/Applicant's previous fiscal year dollar sales in the United States, or which the Member processed abroad and sold in the United States, and contract products processed for the Member.

Total U.S. Net Sales: \$ _____

I hereby certify to the completeness and accuracy of the above information. Yes No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Company: _____

Data for 12 month period ending: _____

Company sales data information is held in strict confidence by GMA and its staff. Sales data information is used solely for the purpose of calculating membership dues, and under no circumstances is sales data shared with another member company or outside party. If a company decides to cancel their membership with GMA/FPA, their sales data information remains confidential.

Any company information shared with GMA staff related to product formulation, processes, trade secrets, etc. is also held in strict confidence. All GMA staff are required to sign a nondisclosure agreement as a condition of their employment with GMA. Upon leaving GMA, former employees are prohibited from disclosing confidential information obtained while at GMA.

As a national trade association, GMA and its employees are very sensitive to the fact that our membership includes competing companies. GMA employees **do not** assist members in efforts that would benefit one company to the detriment of another; rather, GMA works to support activities and programs of benefit to entire industry segments.

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