AMERICAN SPICE TRADE ASSOCIATION, INC.
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please TYPE or PRINT all information

Company Name:			**Year Founded:**
Street Address:			
City:	**State:**	**Country:**	**Zip:**
Individual Representing firm:		**Title:**	
Telephone:	**Fax:**	**E-mail:**	**Web:**
Additional Company Contact:		**Title:**	
Telephone:		**E-mail:**	
Description of Company: (**Please include your Annual Report or a Company Brochure)			
Signature:			**Signature Date:**

We hereby apply for Membership in the American Spice Trade Association as an *(See Page 2)*
(Please Check One):

- ❑ **ACTIVE MEMBER:** ○ Broker/Agent **or**
  ○ Importer, Trader, Processor, Grower, or Distributor
- ❑ **ASSOCIATE MEMBER**
- ❑ **RETAILER MEMBER**

How did you hear about the American Spice Trade Association (ASTA)?
(Please Check One):

- ❑ An ASTA Member invited me to join
- ❑ Through the ASTA website
- ❑ Industry event (Please list) _____
- ❑ Industry colleague
- ❑ Internet search
- ❑ Other _____

Please tell us what you are most interested in obtaining from your membership.
(Check All That Apply):

- ❑ Networking and B2B opportunities
- ❑ Access to industry news/information, regulatory compliance, and food safety resources
- ❑ ASTA advocacy efforts
- ❑ Industry collaboration and engagement opportunities (e.g. committees, leadership, etc.)
- ❑ Discounts to education offerings and access to member offerings (meetings, webinars, publications)
- ❑ Other _____

REFERENCES – Provide two company references in the spice industry.

NAME: _____ COMPANY NAME: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ _____	NAME: _____ COMPANY NAME: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

For ASTA use only: Date affirmed as member Date:_____

PLEASE RETURN your completed application with your payment of the application fee and accompanying materials (i.e. Categorization Form, company brochure) to: **American Spice Trade Association, Inc.,** 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 190-404, Washington, DC 20004. Make CHECKS PAYABLE to AMERICAN SPICE TRADE ASSOCIATION, INC., in U.S. Dollars, drawn on a U.S. Bank

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

If a prospective member company qualifies for multiple membership categories, the company shall apply for the higher level of dues. Determination of membership eligibility and categorization is subject to review and approval in accordance with the ASTA Bylaws Article II. Section 1. Membership.

■ ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

All individuals, firms, and corporations that are based in the United States, or doing business in the United States either through a related business entity or agent, or by offering items for sale for importation into, or exportation from, the United States, and that are primarily engaged in the growing, importation, exportation, processing, blending, trading, distribution, or sale at wholesale or retail of spices or seasonings are eligible for Active membership in one of the following categories:

◆***Brokers and Agents****:* Those firms whose activities include that of acting as Brokers and Agents for the purchase or sale of spices.

◆***Importers, Traders, Processors, Growers or Distributors:*** Those firms whose activities include that of acting as Importers, Traders, Processors, Growers or Distributors of ***Spices, Dehydrated Onion & Garlic or Oleoresins*** (or combinations).

■ RETAILERS MEMBERSHIP:

All individuals, firms, and corporations that are based in the United States, or doing business in the United States either through a related business entity or agent, which are primarily engaged in the retail sale of food, including spices or seasonings, directly to consumers, and who are not otherwise engaged in the growing, processing, manufacturing, blending, or wholesale trade of spices or seasonings.

■ ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

All individuals, firms, associations, and corporations engaged in businesses associated with the spice industry who do not otherwise qualify for Active or Retailer membership and who are able to assist in promoting and carrying out the purposes of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES

Applicants for membership must remit a nonrefundable application fee of **$250** with a completed application. **ASTA Annual Dues year covers the period of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Membership benefits will be initiated following payment of first annual dues invoice. If invoiced dues are not paid within 30 days applicant will be required to reapply.**

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP *(Must submit a categorical dues form to determine dues assessment annually)*

IMPORTERS/TRADERS/PROCESSORS/GROWERS/DISTRIBUTORS

Dues are assessed on the number of pounds of spices sold to or purchased in the United States and range from $3,750 to $100,000. Dues for active members are $3,750 for the first 1,000,000 lbs. of spices traded. Additional pounds traded (above 1,000,000 pounds) are assessed at a rate of $0.001159 per pound. For example, a company trading 5,200,000 pounds would be assessed $8,618 in annual dues.

Spices are counted on a pound-for-pound basis. Garlic and onion is calculated at a 50% rate and oleoresins at a rate of 10 times. For example, 2,000,000 pounds of garlic and onion will be assessed as 1,000,000 pounds. 1,000 pounds of oleoresins will be assessed as 10,000 pounds.

BROKER/AGENTS
Dues for brokers are $4,200 for the first income producer and $1,050 for each additional income producer.

RETAILER MEMBERS
Annual dues for Retailer membership are $10,000.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
Annual dues for Associate membership are $2,500.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check Payment:

Check Number _____ Check Amount $ _____ Date _____

Credit Card Payment**

❑ VISA ❑ MasterCard ❑ American Express Total Amount to Charge $ _____

Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Cardholder's Name _____ Phone _____

Signature _____

***I authorize ASTA to charge my credit card in the amount indicated above. I understand that ASTA reserves the right to charge the correct amount if totaled incorrectly. I understand that my billing statement will read "ASTA.*