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Levy amendment result

The results of the referendum are in and it's great news for the industry! Out of a total of 71 votes received, 70 votes were in support of the amendment. That number of votes amounts to a turnout of 31% of growers who could vote. [Read more.](#)

Exporting to Thailand?

Don't forget that all growers exporting apricots or cherries to Thailand are required to provide their packhouse with a declaration confirming that the recommended pest control programme has been implemented. Packhouses need to make sure they have received the declaration and can access it if required. We've attached a copy of the form to this enewsletter, but it can also be downloaded from the secure portal and can be found at the end of the Thailand page under Main Menu/Export/Compliance programmes.

USA – Food facility registration

Packhouses supplying summerfruit for export to the USA are required to be registered as a food facility. Most packhouses will have registered a couple of years ago, and also updated their registration in the last quarter of the year (registrations last for two years and are required to be renewed in the last quarter of each even numbered year).

If you didn't renew last year you can go online and re-register on the [FDA website](#). If you Google *FDA Food Facility Registration*, you will probably be directed to several commercial sites that charge a large fee for this registration. Please make sure you go to the link above and that you stay on the FDA website (www.fda.gov).

Russia

Just a reminder that as a result of changes to Russian regulations earlier this year, we do not currently have access to Russia for *any* summerfruit. There is no way to get around this regulation

change (eg via alternate shipping routes). We are working to regain access, but that will not happen this season.

Meetings

30-31 May	Conference	Napier	9am	Various venues
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