



July 16, 2024

Albert Perez
Chair
National Mango Board

Dear Mr. Perez:

Thank you in advance for your time. I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals—PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters worldwide. **We urge the National Mango Board (NMB) to establish a policy banning the conducting, funding, and commissioning of tests on animals unless explicitly required by law.**

In the accompanying package, you'll find a mug featuring a slogan stating "Mice Are Nice," and an accompanying empathy for animals kit that includes an empathy booklet, animal fact notecards, and a copy of PETA president Ingrid E. Newkirk's book titled *Animalkind*. We'd like you to consider that every animal is someone, and that mice and all animals are living, feeling beings who deserve our consideration and protection.

As we've previously informed you, the NMB has funded cruel, deadly, and wasteful tests on animals to make irrelevant claims about the fruit's benefits to human health. These experiments involve force-feeding, slicing open and killing animals and they're not required by law. You have indicated that the NMB hasn't *funded* animal tests for about ten years, but the question is will funding of such tests resume later? We urge the NMB to ban animal testing by establishing a comprehensive public policy. Again, our suggested public policy language is: "*The National Mango Board does not conduct, fund, or commission tests on animals unless explicitly required by law.*"

We're amenable to meeting with you to quickly resolve this issue. You can contact me directly at FrancesC@peta.org. Thank you, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

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