

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION**

**HONEY PACKERS AND IMPORTERS RESEARCH, PROMOTION,  
CONSUMER  
EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY INFORMATION ORDER**

**(7 CFR PART 1212)**  
YEAR BEING APPLIED FOR: 20XX

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The authority for requesting this information to be supplied on this form is the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-127, 110 Stat. 1032 (7 U.S.C. 7411-7425).

**PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF THIS APPLICATION**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

APPLICANT'S NAME	BUSINESS TELEPHONE NO., INCLUDE AREA CODE
BUSINESS NAME	
BUSINESS ADDRESS	CITY STATE ZIP
TAX I.D. or BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION NO.	E-MAIL ADDRESS:

I hereby **CERTIFY** that:

I am a first handler and I anticipate handling \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of honey and honey products during the year 20xx. <sup>1</sup>

I am an importer and I anticipate importing \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of honey and honey products during the year 20xx. <sup>1</sup>

If you are a first handler or an importer and handle over 250,000 pounds of honey and honey products in a year, in which you have applied for and been granted an exemption, you must pay the applicable assessment to the National Honey Board; to be postmarked on or before March 31 of the subsequent year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**INSTRUCTIONS**  
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Return to:

**National Honey Board  
Street  
City, State, Zip Code**

If you are a first handler or importer of honey and honey products, and you anticipate handling or importing less than 250,000 pounds during the calendar year for which the exemption is claimed, you are eligible to claim an exemption from assessments. The National Honey Board will require persons applying for an exemption from assessments to provide substantiating information supporting their exemption status. All persons are liable for paying assessments, except those who have a Certificate of Exemption issued by the National Honey Board and must be renewed annually by the National Honey Board.

**<sup>1</sup>Any false statement or misrepresentation on this form may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001).**

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