

CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIC EXEMPTION FOR THE SELLER

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Failure to pay the beef checkoff is a violation of federal law. This form must be properly completed and signed to be valid. You may by law be fined up to \$10,000, imprisoned up to five years, or both for knowingly or willfully making false statements within this document (18 U.S.C. p 1001).

I CLAIM ORGANIC EXEMPTION ON _____ HEAD OF CATTLE WHICH I AM SELLING ON _____ TO:
(number) (date)

BUYER'S NAME/ADDRESS: _____

I certify that I am a producer who operates under an approved National Organic Program (NOP) (7CFR part 205) system plan; producing only products that are eligible to be labeled as 100 percent organic under the NOP and not a split operation. I also certify that the Cattlemen's Beef Board has granted me an exemption from paying the beef assessment in accordance with 7CFR part 1260.302. I understand that an original of this "Certificate of Organic Exemption" must be provided to the purchaser (collecting person) at the time of sale to document that the \$1 per head assessment is not due in this transaction or I will be required to pay the assessment. **Copies or Facsimiles WILL NOT be accepted.**

Collection of your social security number is authorized by Executive Order 9397 and will be used only for the purpose of positive identification. Furnishing this information is voluntary.

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Person who owns these cattle at the time of sale and is claiming Organic Exemption from the Beef Checkoff Program assessment.

SELLER'S NAME: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY # or Tax ID #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE/ZIP: _____

SIGNATURE OF SELLER: _____

BUYER: Send this copy in with your monthly Remittance Report when required by your state beef council or the Cattlemen's Beef Board (White)

BUYER'S COPY: Retain for your files (Yellow)

SELLER'S COPY: Retain for your files (Pink)