

**APPLICATION FOR REFUND
CHRISTMAS TREE PROMOTION, RESEARCH AND INFORMATION ORDER**

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This application must be postmarked within 30 days after the Secretary announces the results of the referendum.
2. Attach documentation or a copy thereof, or such evidence deemed satisfactory to the Board, with this application.
3. Applicant's name must be the same as it appears on the bill of sale or other proof of sale.
4. Refund application must be signed by the person receiving the refund.

Applicant's Name: _____

Company Name: _____ **Tax ID# or Bus. ID#:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Phone No.: _____ **Fax No.:** _____ **Web-site:** _____

PROOF OF ASSESSMENT

Date(s) assessment(s) paid: _____

ENTER TOTAL NUMBER OF CHRISTMAS TREES CUT and SOLD on which assessments were paid: _____

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS PAID: \$ _____

ENTER TOTAL NUMBER OF CHRISTMAS TREES **IMPORTED** on which assessments were paid: _____

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS PAID ON IMPORTED CHRISTMAS TREES: \$ _____

Country of Origin, Port of Entry No. and other information as requested: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF REFUND REQUESTED \$ _____

CERTIFICATION: I certify, under penalties provided by law, that: The applicant requesting this refund, paid the assessment for which a refund is sought. The information is correct and not false or fraudulent. A request has not previously been submitted, nor a refund received on the assessment paid above. I am authorized to sign this refund application on behalf of the applicant.

NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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