

**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION**

**HONEY PACKERS AND IMPORTERS RESEARCH, PROMOTION, CONSUMER  
EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY INFORMATION ORDER  
(7 CFR 1212)**

**YEAR BEING APPLIED FOR: \_\_\_\_\_**

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (U.S.C. 522a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting this information to be supplied on this form is from the applicable commodity legislation for research and promotion programs. Furnishing the requested information is necessary for the administration of this program. Submission of Tax Identification Number (TIN) or importer identification number is mandatory and will be used to determine affiliation or entity identity.

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

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT**

Applicant's Name	Business Telephone No. Including Area Code
Business Name	
Business Address	City, State, Zip
Tax ID or Business Identification No.	Email 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 product 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 XX/XX/XXXX of the subsequent year.

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Name of Applicant (Print) Title

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Signature of Applicant Date

## \*\*\*\*\* INSTRUCTIONS \*\*\*\*\*

Return to:  
**National Honey Board**  
Street Address  
City, State, Zip

If you are a first handler or importer of honey and honey products, and you handled or imported 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>The making of any false statement or representation on this form, knowing it to be false, is a violation of Title 18, Section 1001 United States Code, which provides for the penalty of a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than five years, or both.**

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