

**U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council
Application for Exemption from Assessment**

As stated in Section 1218.53 of the Blueberry Promotion, Research and Information Order (Exemption Procedures):

“Any producer who produces less than 2,000 pounds of blueberries annually who desires to claim an exemption from assessments during a fiscal year as provided in Section 1218.42 shall apply to the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC), on a form provided by the USHBC, for a certificate of exemption. Such producer shall certify that the producer’s production of blueberries shall be less than 2,000 pounds for the fiscal year for which the exemption is claimed. Any importer who imports less than 2,000 pounds of fresh and processed blueberries annually who desires to claim an exemption from assessments during a fiscal year as provided in Section 1218.52 shall apply to the USHBC, on a form provided by the USHBC, for a certificate of exemption. Such importer shall certify that the importer’s importation of fresh and processed blueberries shall not exceed 2,000 pounds, for the fiscal year for which the exemption is claimed.”

CERTIFICATION

(To Be Signed and Dated by Applicant)

I hereby certify that my total level of blueberry production in 20XX, or the total fresh or processed blueberries I will import in 20XX, will be less than 2,000 pounds. I therefore request a certificate of exemption from the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC) assessments for the year 20XX.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Please Print

Name of Applicant: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please send your completed Certificate of Exemption Application to the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council at the following address:

USHBC
Street
City, State Zip

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