

**NATIONAL PROCESSED RASPBERRY COUNCIL
APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM ASSESSMENT**

As stated in Section 1208.53 of the Processed Raspberry Promotion, Research and Information Order (Exemption Procedures):

“Any producer who produces less than 20,000 pounds of raspberries for processing annually who desires to claim an exemption from assessments during a fiscal year as provided in Section 1208.52 shall apply to the National Processed Raspberry Council (Council), on a form provided by the Council, for a certificate of exemption. Such producer shall certify that the producer’s production of raspberries for processing shall be less than 20,000 pounds for the fiscal year for which the exemption is claimed. Any importer who imports less than 20,000 pounds of processed raspberries annually who desires to claim an exemption from assessments during a fiscal year as provided in Section 1208.52 shall apply to the Council, on a form provided by the Council, for a certificate of exemption. Such importer shall certify that the importer’s importation of processed raspberries shall not exceed 20,000 pounds, for the fiscal year for which the exemption is claimed.”

CERTIFICATION

(To Be Signed and Dated by Applicant)

I hereby certify that I produced or imported less than 20,000 pounds of raspberries for processing in 20XX. I therefore request a certificate of exemption from the National Processed Raspberry Council (Council) for the year 20XX.

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Please Print

Name of Applicant: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Zip Code: _____ **Telephone No.** _____

Tax ID# or Business ID#: _____

Please send your completed Certificate of Exemption Application with **supporting documentation** to the National Processed Raspberry Council at the following address:

National Processed Raspberry Council
Address
City, State zip

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