**CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIC EXEMPTION (FOR THE SELLER)**

Failure to pay the beef checkoff is a violation of federal law. This form must be properly completed and signed to be valid. By law, you can be fined up to $10,000, imprisoned up to 5 years, or both for knowingly or willfully making false statements within this official document (18 U.S.C. §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 (7 CFR part 205) system plan and produce cattle that are eligible for slaughter as “organic” or “100 percent organic” beef. I also certify that the Cattlemen’s Beef Board has granted me an exemption from paying the Federal

$1-per-head Beef Checkoff Program assessment on qualified cattle transactions in accordance with 7 CFR part 1260.302. I understand that an original of this “Certificate of Organic Exemption” form 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, scans/emails or Facsimiles WILL NOT be accepted.** I also understand that the $1-per-head beef checkoff assessment is due on any conventionally raised or non-organic cattle that I sell at any time. In addition, I may still be subject to any applicable State-specific beef checkoff assessments that might be due, according to individual State requirements.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0581-0093. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 6 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

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

**SELLER’S NAME**:

**ADDRESS:**

**CITY:**

**STATE/ZIP:**

**SIGNATURE OF SELLER:**

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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)

LP-29 (Expiration Date XX/XX/XXXX)