RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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**APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION OF EXPERIMENTAL AND SPECIALTY PACKS**

**FROM OUTGOING INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**

The undersigned Handler hereby requests approval of this application for experimental or specialty packs, as described in sections 989.59(a), (b) and (d) of Marketing Order No. 989, as provided for in paragraph (g) of said section. The undersigned certifies to the Raisin Administrative Committee (RAC) and the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States that only standard raisins will be shipped or disposed of under this authorization and in the outlets as indicated:

Handler Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address *(incl. City, State, and Zip Code)*

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| **ESTIMATED QUANTITY OF EACH VARIETAL TYPE OF RAISINS THAT WILL BE SHIPPED UNDER EXEMPTION DURING THE 20\_\_\_ CROP YEAR** | **ACTUAL QUANTITY SHIPPED UNDER EXEMPTION DURING CROP YEAR** |
|  | Varietal Type(a) | Package Style or Type and Net Weight Content (ea.)(b) | No. of Packages (c) | Total Quantity Applied For (d) | Total Quantity Shipped or Disposed (e) | Outlet (f) |
| 1. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. | PROPOSED OUTLETS - Distribution | TOTAL |  |  |  |
|  |  | Direct to Consumers |  | To persons or organizations for gifts | **FOR RAC USE ONLY** |
|  |  | To Wholesalers |  | Other special uses: |  |
|  |  | To Retailers |  |  |  | Date Received |
| 7.  | QUALITY: |  | Standard |  | Fancy |  | Extra Fancy | Application No. |
| 8.  | STYLE: |  | Glazed |  | Coated |  | Other |  | Date Approved |
| 9.  | CONDITION: |  | Processed |  | Unprocessed |  | Max Quantity Approved \_\_\_ lbs |
| 10. | Special processing required (if any):  |  |  | Approved by |
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The undersigned handler hereby certifies to the RAC that the quantities of standard raisins shown in the “Total Quantity Shipped or Disposed” column, packed in gift or specialty packs, were shipped or otherwise disposed of without outgoing inspection.

Handler \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The making of any false statement or representations in any matter within the jurisdiction of any agency of the United States, knowing it to be false, is a violation of title 18, section 1001 of the United States Code, which provides for a penalty of a fine or imprisonment of not more than five years, or both.

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM RAC-8**

1. This application should be submitted to the Raisin Administrative Committee (RAC) in triplicate—an original and two copies—all of which should be signed by a responsible official of the handler.

2. After the RAC has approved the application, two (2) copies will be returned to the handler. One of the approved copies should be resubmitted to the RAC by the handler upon completion of the shipment or disposition by him of the experimental or specialty packs covered by the application, or at the end of the crop year, whichever occurs first.

3. **DO NOT** show application number as this will be inserted by the RAC office.

4. All weights shown on application should be stated in pounds.

5. **DO NOT** fill in data beyond column (d) of the application except when reporting to the RAC the total actual quantity of raisins shipped or disposed of under exemption during the crop year upon completion of season or termination of crop year as required under item (2) above.

6. The outlet in which dispositions of such experimental and/or specialty packs are contemplated should be properly described. That is, whether disposition will be made directly to consumers, to wholesalers, or to retailers for resale, or to persons or organizations for distribution as gifts, etc. Under item (6) check all applicable squares when filing application with the RAC, or insert description of special uses.

7. The type of package for which exemption from outgoing inspection is requested should be adequately described so that the RAC will have a proper basis on which to render its decision.

8. If space is insufficient in any column, insert and submit the information on a separate sheet of paper attached to the application. Make a proper cross-reference on a separate sheet indicating the applicable column to which such data pertains, using both column and line numbers.

9. Consult RAC staff on any points not clear to you.

This report is required by law (7 U.S.C. 608d, 7 CFR 989.159(f)(2), 7 CFR 989.173(e)). Failure to report can result in a fine of $2,750 for each such violation, and each day during which such violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation.

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