RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

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APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION

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| Applicant |  | Date |  |
| Name |  |
| Address |  |
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| **REQUEST TO BE EXEMPT FROM:** |
| Varietal Type |  |  |
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|  | Quality Regulations |  |  |
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| Pounds Applied For |  | (per year) |
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| Years Applied For |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Please state the purpose of the request for exemption |
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In accordance with§ 989.60(c) of Marketing Order No. 989 (Order), the Raisin Administrative Committee (RAC) may designate such raisins as it deems appropriate for production, processing and marketing research and development. The maximum period is five (5) years and the maximum tonnage is 500 tons, unless extended and/or increased by the Secretary of Agriculture upon a recommendation by the RAC. If in any year the volume of the tonnage applied for exceeds the maximum limit, the exemption is void and all such tonnage is subject to the rules of the Order.

 Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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