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CERTIFICATION FOR HANDLING ONIONS FOR PROCESSING CANNERS AND/OR FREEZERS

Effective Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____

No shipments of special purpose onions may be made unless this form is completed and returned to the South Texas Onion Committee (Committee) (7 CFR 959.126). Two copies of this Certification are enclosed. If you plan to purchase onions that do not meet the South Texas Onion Rules and Regulations for **CANNING OR FREEZING,** you must complete this Certification and return one copy to the Committee, retaining the other copy for your files.

It is understood and agreed to by me, the undersigned applicant, that all onions granted a Certificate of Privilege for Special Purpose Shipments, by virtue of this application and corresponding Special Purpose Shipment Reports, must be used for the purpose stated in this application and any deviation or infringement of this privilege which shall become known to me will be reported to the South Texas Onion Committee promptly. Further, I will not knowingly sell or cause to be sold onions which have been granted a Certificate of Privilege and are to be used in violation of Certificate. I acknowledge that making of a false or fraudulent statement for the purpose of influencing the actions of a government agency shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001).

_____ _____
Print Name Signature

_____ _____
Firm Name Title

_____ _____
Telephone Number Fax Number Date

_____
Street or Box Number, City, State, and Zip code

_____
Physical address (if different than above mailing address)

Person in Charge of SPECIAL PURPOSE FORMS: _____

E-mail address: _____

PLEASE POST A COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATION IN YOUR RECEIVER'S OFFICE

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