

**U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council
Application for Exemption from Assessment**

As stated in section 1218.53 of the Blueberry Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Exemption Procedures):

“Any producer who produces less than 2,000 pounds of blueberries annually who desires to claim an exemption from assessments during a fiscal year as provided in section 1218.42 shall apply to the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC), on a form provided by USHBC, for a certificate of exemption. Such producer shall certify that the producer’s production of blueberries shall be less than 2,000 pounds for the fiscal year for which the exemption is claimed. Any importer who imports less than 2,000 pounds of fresh and processed blueberries annually who desires to claim an exemption from assessments during a fiscal year as provided in section 1218.52 shall apply to USHBC, on a form provided by USHBC, for a certificate of exemption. Such importer shall certify that the importer’s importation of fresh and processed blueberries shall not exceed 2,000 pounds, for the fiscal year for which the exemption is claimed.”

CERTIFICATION

(To be signed and dated by applicant)

I hereby certify that my total level of blueberry production in the year _____, or the total fresh or processed blueberries I will import in _____, will be less than 2,000 pounds. I therefore request a certificate of exemption from USHBC assessments for the year _____.

Signature Date

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Applicant _____

Company Name (if applicable) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please send your completed Certificate of Exemption Application to the USHBC at the following email address assessments@blueberry.org, or mail to:

USHBC
81 Blue Ravine Road, Suite 110
Folsom, California, 95630

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