

# Application for a Certificate of Exemption

## Mushroom Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order

Please Read the Instructions on the Reverse Side before Completion

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Applicant) (Business Telephone No. With Area Code)

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(Name of Business) (Business FAX Number)

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(Business Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

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(Tax I.D. No. Or Soc. Sec. No.) OR (Importer No. Or Broker No.)

I hereby CERTIFY that my production or importation of mushrooms for fresh use will not exceed 500,000 pounds, on average, for the fiscal year in which this exemption is being claimed. My estimated production or importation for the fiscal year for which this exemption is being claimed should be \_\_\_\_\_ pounds. My actual production or importation in the preceding fiscal year was \_\_\_\_\_ pounds. My "on average" production or importation should be \_\_\_\_\_ pounds. 1/

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant (Print) Title

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

1/ Any false statement or misrepresentation may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001).

# INSTRUCTIONS

**Return to:**

**MUSHROOM COUNCIL  
2880 Zanker Road, Suite 203  
San Jose, CA 95134**

The term "on average" shall be calculated by averaging an applicant's estimated production or importation for the fiscal year for which an exemption is being claimed with the applicant's production or importation in the preceding fiscal year. For example, if the applicant has estimated production for the fiscal year for which an exemption is claimed to be 450,000 pounds and the applicant's actual production in the preceding fiscal year was 500,000 pounds. The total for these two years is 950,000 pounds making the applicant's "on average" production 475,000 pounds. Such a volume of production will make the applicant eligible to claim an exemption from assessments. The Mushroom Council may require persons receiving an exemption from assessments to provide reports on the disposition of their mushrooms. All persons shall be liable for paying assessments should their "on average" production or importation exceed 500,000 pounds. Any person who desires to renew their exemption from assessments shall reapply to the Mushroom Council for another certificate of exemption. Please type or print this application.

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