

CHRISTMAS TREE PROMOTION BOARD

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM ASSESSMENT

As stated in Section 1214.53 of the Christmas Tree Promotion, Research and Information Order (Exemption from assessments):

Any producer who cuts and sells or importer who imports less than 500 Christmas trees in a fiscal year who desires to claim an exemption from assessments as provided in Section 1214.52 shall apply to the Christmas Tree Promotion Board (Board), on a form provided by the Board, for a certificate of exemption. Such producer or importer shall certify that the producer cut and sold or importer imported less than 500 Christmas trees for the fiscal year for which the exemption is claimed.

CERTIFICATION

(To Be Signed and Dated by Applicant, Deadline to file application is February 15, 2020)

I hereby certify that I cut and sold in the United States or imported to the United States less than 500 Christmas trees in 2019. I therefore request a certificate of exemption from the Christmas Tree Promotion Board (Board).

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Please Print

Name of Applicant: _____

Company Name : _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Zip Code: _____ **Telephone No.** _____

Email Address _____

Tax ID# or Business ID#: _____

Number of Trees Sold 2019 _____ **Acres Planted to Christmas Trees** _____

Please keep a copy of this form for your records and send your completed and signed Certificate of Exemption Application to the Christmas Tree Promotion Board at the following address:

Christmas Tree Promotion Board
P.O. Box 77
Howell, MI 48844
(800) 985-0773
info@ChristmasTreePromotionBoard.org

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