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2025 Non-Covered Commodities Exemption Registration Form

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The Maryland Produce Safety Program has adopted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Produce Safety Rule through Maryland legislation that was effective July 1, 2019. The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) will be conducting outreach, education, registration, inspection and enforcement activities for the Produce Safety Rule. Information on individual farms collected through this program will not be shared with any entities or persons outside of the MDA unless it is part of an active food borne illness outbreak investigation. All data collected concerning farms is shared with FDA as aggregate data only. If you have questions concerning your exemption status, please review the Maryland Department of Agriculture "Produce Safety Rule Exemptions and Compliance Dates Fact Sheet" or contact MDA at (410) 841-5769 or produce.safety@maryland.gov.

Note: File this form with the Maryland Department of Agriculture to be excluded from the inventory of farms required to fully comply with the Produce Safety Rule.

Name of Farm _____

Name of person filing _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Mailing address _____

Mailing City, State and Zip Code _____

Farm Location Address(s) _____

I/we acknowledge the following (check the applicable box):

☐ Farm does not grow produce of any type. Produce is defined as any fruit or vegetable (including mixes of intact fruits and vegetables) and includes mushrooms, sprouts, peanuts, tree nuts, and herbs. Produce does not include food grains such as barley, dent or flint corn, sorghum oats, rice, rye, wheat, oilseeds, etc. that are primarily grown and processed for use as meal, flour, baked goods, cereals and oils rather than for direct consumption as small, hard fruits or seeds. I/we will notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture if we no longer qualify for this exemption.

☐ Farm **only** grows produce on the current exhaustive list of non-covered produce in the Produce Safety Rule and/or hops, wine grapes, pulse crops and/or almonds. I/we will notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture if we no longer qualify for this exemption.

☐ Farm only grows produce for personal consumption by the farm and its employees on the farm and/or on another farm under the same management. I/we will notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture if we no longer qualify for this exemption.

Filer's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Filer's Title: _____

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