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2026 Commercial Processing Partial Exemption Registration Form

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: _____ **Email:** _____

Name of Person Filing: _____ **Phone:** _____

Farm (physical) Address: _____

☐Farm (physical) address same as mailing address

Mailing Address: _____

I/We acknowledge all the following to be true, *please check boxes for acknowledgement*:

☐I/We **only** grow produce that is intended for commercial processing that adequately reduces the presence of microorganisms of public health significance per 21 CFR 112.2(b); and

☐I/We must disclose in documents accompanying the produce, in accordance with the practice of the trade, that the food is "not processed to adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance; and that we must either:

☐Annually obtain written assurance, subject to the requirements of paragraph (b)(6) of section 21 CFR 112.2, from the customer that performs the commercial processing described in paragraph (b)(1) of section 21 CFR 112.2 that the customer has established and is following procedures (identified in the written assurance) that adequately reduce the presence of microorganisms of public health significance; or

☐Annually obtain written assurance, subject to the requirements of paragraph (b)(6) of section 21 CFR 112.2, from my/our customer that an entity in the distribution chain subsequent to the customer will perform commercial processing described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section and that the customer complies with sections 21 CFR 112.2(b)(3)(ii)(A) and 21 CFR 112.2(b)(3)(ii)(B); and

☐I/We must establish and maintain documentation of my/our compliance with applicable requirements in paragraphs (b)(2) and (3) in accordance with the requirements of subpart O.

☐I/We will notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture if I/we no longer qualify for this exemption.

Date of Filing: _____

Name/Title of Filer: _____

Signature of Filer: _____

Please return completed documentation to: produce.safety@maryland.gov or Fax (410) 841-2750 or
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