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APPLICATION FOR COTTAGE EXEMPTION

PRODUCERS WHO SELL DIRECTLY TO THE END CONSUMER NO MORE THAN \$15,000
ANNUALLY OF NON- POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS CANDY OR BAKED GOODS

Section 1

Name of Applicant _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address _____
Street City State Zip Code County

Name of Firm _____ Phone: _____

Firm Address _____
Street City State Zip Code County

Pursuant to Section 44-1-143(H), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AMENDED JUNE 7, 2012, above named Applicant certifies compliance with requirements for exemption from inspections, and packaging in an inspected food processing establishment, or from being required to obtain a Registration Verification Certificate (RVC) from the Department of Agriculture by verifying that no more than \$15,000 are sold annually and said non-potentially hazardous candy/baked good is only sold directly to end consumers. Labels are required on all packages that are sold in South Carolina and must be in compliance with section 44-1-143.

When and if the conditions for this exemption are no longer met, Firm must apply for Registration Verification Certification (RVC).

Section 2

Check which product(s) you will be producing:

baked cookies baked breads* baked cakes candy

baked high-acid fruit pies (apple, apricot, grape, peach, plum, quince, orange, nectarine, blackberry, raspberry, boysenberry, cherry, cranberry, strawberry, red currants)

Other (please give description of baked good(s) or candied product) _____

***Moist quick breads like zucchini, pumpkin, and banana may be potentially hazardous.**

A product analysis to determine interaction of pH and water activity (Aw) may be required in order to exempt any product not listed above. Please contact Kimberly Baker, kabaker@clemson.edu at Clemson University, (864-986-6014), or Adair Hoover, cpope@clemson.edu (864-656-9986) or a commercial laboratory for analysis. Analysis will be at the expense of the cottage food operation.

Section 3

List products you intend to sell:

Section 4

Please answer the following questions for all products.

Are your product(s) baked? Yes____ or No____

Are your product(s) candy? Yes____ or No____

Does your product(s) contain crème or custard filling? Yes____ or No____

Will your product(s) require refrigeration? Yes____ or No____

Will your product(s) be vacuumed packaged or reduced oxygen packaged? Yes____ or No____
(*This does not include zip style bags or plastic wraps.)

If yes please describe how product is packaged_____

Where do you intend to sell your product(s)?_____

(*The privilege to sell at markets will be at the discretion of the market manager.)

Date of application: _____ Applicants Signature: _____

Send application to: SCDA
Alicia Attaway
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Contact: Alicia Attaway
Phone: 803-737-9700
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Product analysis required? Yes____ or No____

Analysis Received_____

Exemption Certificate # _____ Date Issued: _____

Exemption Denied State Reason: _____