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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED CITRUS NURSERY STOCK, INCREASE BLOCK OR FOUNDATION BLOCK INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for a Certified Citrus Nursery, Increase Block or Foundation Block, you must submit a complete signed application along with the appropriate fees. The Certification will be issued to the name appearing under Section C of this application. A Certified Citrus Nursery is required by each business and at each location where any person who propagates citrus nursery stock for the purpose of commercial or noncommercial use within the Citrus Zone. A Certified Citrus Nursery must hold a current nursery/floral license. Either a Foundation Block or an Increase Block must be contained within a Certified Citrus Nursery. **NURSERY STOCK GROWN IN CERTIFIED NURSERY, INCREASE BLOCK AND FOUNDATION BLOCK MUST MEET 4 TAC CHAPTER 21 REQUIREMENTS.**

SECTION A

1. TYPE OF APPLICATION AND APPLICATION FEE

- To apply for certification of a Certified Citrus Nursery, with or without an Increase Block or Foundation Block:
 - Check the box labeled “Certified Citrus Nursery” and enter the total number of square feet of insect exclusionary area.
 - Fee calculation for certified citrus nursery: For an insect exclusionary area of 25,000 sq. ft. or less, the fee is \$100.00. For each additional 25,000 sq. ft. area or less, add \$50.00.
 - Enter the calculated application fee in the Fee Due column, on the right side of the page.
- To apply for an Increase Block:
 - Check the box labeled “Increase Block.”
 - If the Increase Block will be part of an current Certified Citrus Nursery:
 - Use the blank under Increase Block to enter the number of square feet currently certified.
 - If the exclusionary area is currently uncertified to include an increased block:
 - Use the blank under Increase Block to enter the number of square feet currently uncertified.
 - If the Increase Block area is currently uncertified:
 - Use the blank under Increase Block to enter the number of square feet currently uncertified.
 - Use the TOTAL blank to enter the total number of square feet of insect exclusionary area (the sum of the blanks above, as applicable).
 - Under “Fee,” check the first box, indicating that the Increase Block will be in a currently certified structure.
 - No additional application or certification fee is charged if Increase Block is set within the area of the insect exclusionary structure already certified by TDA.
 - Fee is required if Increase Block is set within a currently uncertified or new insect exclusionary structure. Fee for 25,000 sq. ft. area or less is \$100.00; and \$50 for each additional 25,000 sq. ft. area or less.
 - To apply for a Foundation Block, fee is \$500.
 - Total the applicable fees due and include under TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE.
 - Continue to Section B for Type of Application.
 - NOTE:
 - Increase trees shall be propagated and grown in a certified citrus nursery.

- Increase trees must be held exclusively in an approved structure designated for increase trees or housed with other certified citrus nursery stock being grown in the approved structure, provided the two groups of plants are kept identifiably separate.
- See Rule §21.36, having to do with Increase Trees and Increase Blocks, for other requirements and restrictions.

SECTION B

1. TYPE OF APPLICATION

Check the box that identifies the application type. A new business application is an application for a business that has not held a TDA license or is a recently established business. If you have a Current TDA Nursery Floral License, please provide the license number. A change of ownership application is an application where a business has been acquired from a previous owner or is an established business changing type (see below). If the most recent certification number is known please indicate in space provided.

SECTION C

12. BUSINESS TYPE

Check the box that identifies your type of business. Once submitted, this information cannot be changed. If you have to change in your business type, a new application will be required.

SECTION D

1. CLIENT INFORMATION

This information will be used to generate your certification. Enter the full legal business name as it is registered. If applicable, also enter a Doing-Business-As (DBA) name. For in state businesses (except sole proprietors) a Comptroller Taxpayer ID is required. For out of state businesses and non-profit organizations a Federal ID is required.

For sole proprietors applying for this occupational license, a social security number is mandatory and required by Texas Family Code § 231.302. Social security numbers are required to assist in child support enforcement. In the event the applicant does not have a social security number, an affidavit of no social security number (form OGC-001) must be attached and a driver license number or state-issued ID number provided. This form is available on our website www.TexasAgriculture.gov or by mail. Failure to provide a social security number or an affidavit of no social security number will result in rejection of your application and a certification will not be issued to you.

SECTION E

1. RESPONSIBLE PERSON INSTRUCTIONS (see form)

2. RESPONSIBLE OFFICER, PARTNER, MANAGER, OR OWNER

Indicate name of person responsible for the business. Enter contact information.

3. RESPONSIBLE PERSON MAILING ADDRESS

Enter mailing address for indicated responsible person. If a web address is available for company please provide (optional).

NOTE: The Person to Contact, named by the business in Section D of this form, is the preferred signatory of this application. That person may be the Responsible Person.

SECTION F

1. PERSON TO CONTACT FOR CERTIFICATION-RELATED MATTERS

Enter the name of a designated person, along with that person's contact information, who can discuss and answer questions about certification-related issues.

NOTE: The Person to Contact, named by the business, is the preferred signatory of this application. That person may be the Responsible Person.

All correspondence, certifications, and other documents will be sent to the Person to Contact at the mailing address listed below. If an e-mail address is listed, and e-mail is indicated as the preferred contact method, correspondence will be sent via e-mail.

2. MAILING ADDRESS

Enter the address at which the Person to Contact receives general correspondence

SECTION G

1. FACILITY INFORMATION

Enter facility name.

2. PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF LOCATION OF CERTIFICATION, ACTIVITIES or EQUIPMENT

Enter the actual physical street address of the certification, activities or the equipment, including directions to this location if the address is difficult to locate. Please do not enter a P.O. Box. This information will assist TDA inspectors in locating your business in the event that an inspection is needed.

SECTION H

1. OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS ONLY

Check either the Texas Secretary of State or the "Other" box and enter the resident agent's contact information. Only fill out the Resident Agent contact information if the Texas Secretary of State box is not checked. If the address provided in Section D is out of state, agent information is required before a certification can be issued.

SECTION I

1. PAYMENT

NOTE: Texas Department of Agriculture accepts only checks, cashier's checks, or money orders. Certificates and fees are NOT transferable.

The Certification is valid for one year and shall expire on the last day of the anniversary month. For example, a Certification effective on January 1, 2016 will expire on January 31, 2017.

Requested effective date for certification. Check method of payment. Enter check number or money order number. See payment information above. Enter amount remitted.

Please remit to: Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12076, Austin, TX. 78711-2076.

Additional Information

Each location is required by law to renew its registration annually by the expiration date. Failure to renew will result in late fees.

Businesses operating with an expired certificate or without registering with the department may be subject to administrative penalties up to \$2,000 for each violation. Each day a violation continues may be considered a separate violation for penalty assessment.

Anyone making false representation for obtaining a certificate may have a certificate revoked and/or may be liable to the State for civil penalty of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$1,000 for each violation and/or subject to administrative penalties of up to \$2,000 for each violation. Each day a violation continues may be considered a separate violation for purposes of penalty assessment. (Texas Agriculture Code §12.020, 71.055 and 71.059).

To promote Texas agricultural products and services, the Texas Department of Agriculture may publish the names, certification types, contact persons, addresses and phone numbers of licensed businesses in written form or on the internet. Under Texas law, TDA may be required to furnish other information contained in our files under the Texas Open Records Act and Chapter 555 of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION J

1. SIGNATURE

After reading the summary, print and sign your name, and date the form. Your signature here indicates that you have read the summary and that you are aware of your responsibilities regarding the issuance of the requested certification.

SECTION K

1. CHECKLIST

Check all boxes to verify you have completed the application process and attached/enclosed the necessary items (e.g., payment, documents, labels, etc).