## FLORIDA TOMATO COMMITTEE

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## APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS TOMATO HANDLER

I hereby apply for registration as a Tomato Handler for the 20\_\_\_-20\_\_\_ season. Each handler who handles tomatoes grown in the production area must be certified as a registered handler by the Committee in order to ship

such tomatoes outside of the regulated area. A handler who is certified as a registered handler is a handler who has adequate facilities to meet the requirements of preparing tomatoes for market, obtains inspection on tomatoes handled, agrees to handle tomatoes in compliance with the marketing order's grade, size and container requirements, pays applicable assessments on a timely basis, submits reports required by the Committee, and agrees to comply with other regulatory requirements on the handling of tomatoes grown in the production area. The Committee or its authorized agent shall inspect a handler's facilities to determine if the facilities are adequate for preparing tomatoes for market. In order to be adequate for such purposes, the facilities must be permanent, non-portable buildings located in the production area with equipment that is non-portable for proper washing, grading, sizing and packing of tomatoes grown in the production area. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information should contact the Florida Tomato Committee at the phone number above. 1. Company/individual address of all location(s) of grading and packing facilities in the production area: 2. Type of business (Individual, Firm, Partnership, Corporation, Co-operative, Association or other business 3. If other than individual, show below names and addresses of the officers, partners, or other individuals having a financial interest in the business with the applicant. Name Title Address, City, State, Zip code How many years have you been in the tomato business in Florida? Business Name of Applicant: Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code: Mailing Address: City, State, Zip Code: Telephone Number: Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Print name

By:

## **CRITICAL INFORMATION REQUEST**

Please provide the information below for each grower who you expect will be shipping through your packing facility for the 20\_\_\_\_ season. This information is needed to ensure that your growers are kept up-to-date on Florida Tomato Committee (Committee) activities and on subjects affecting the Florida tomato industry as a whole, such as: Medfly alerts; government regulations; labor situations; market conditions; etc. Return this form with your application for registration as a tomato handler.

## (Make additional copies to list additional growers if necessary.)

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