Notice of Exemption **Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: Harvest Food Products

Project Title: Harvest Food Refrigeration System Upgrade

Project Location – Specific: 2188 Alpine Way

Project Location – City: Hayward 94545 **Project Location – County:** Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
This project will install a transcritical CO2 refrigeration system to replace the existing refrigeration system at a frozen food processing facility in Hayward, CA. Replacing the existing refrigeration system will eliminate the use of high global warming potential Freon refrigerant and reduce onsite energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Harvest Food Products

Exempt Status: (*check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number

  Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15302
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Categorical Exemption - CCR 14, Section 15302 requires that a project must meet all of the following criteria: 1) Consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where 2) the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and 3) the new structure will have the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

This project involves the replacement of existing mechanical equipment at an existing food processing facility. This project will replace existing inefficient equipment at an existing food processing facility to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The equipment to be replaced includes compressors, heat exchangers, piping and fittings, and associated control systems at the Recipient's food processing facility. The new equipment will be located on the same site as the equipment replaced and have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the equipment replaced. For these reasons, the project meets the criteria required for categorical exemption CCR 14, Section 15302.

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

This project does not involve impacts on any particularly sensitive environment; does not involve any cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place that might be considered significant; does not involve unusual circumstances that might have a significant effect on the environment; will not result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway; the project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5; and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Therefore, none of the exceptions to categorical exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project, and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Public Agency
Contact Person: **Claire Sweeney** **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-232-8182

If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Claire Sweeney **Date:** **01/26/2026** **Title:** **Energy Commission Specialist I**

☒ **Signed by Public Agency**

☐ **Signed by Applicant** **Date received for filing at OPR:** _____

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