

What the IRS determination letter states — sample

Even Harvest · EIN 00-0000012

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A real determination letter carries IRS letterhead, a seal and a signature. This sample deliberately carries none of them: it presents the information such a letter contains, in the organization's own typography, so that nobody can mistake a demonstration document for a government one.

INFORMATION THE LETTER CARRIES

ITEM	STATED IN THE LETTER (SAMPLE)
Date of letter	19 September 2017
Organization	Even Harvest, Portland, Oregon
Employer identification number	00-0000012 (an EIN beginning 00 cannot be real)
Exempt under	Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3)
Effective date of exemption	14 March 2017, the date of incorporation
Public charity status	170(b)(1)(A)(vi) — supported by contributions from the public and foundations
Contributions	Deductible under section 170; the organization is qualified to receive deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts
Annual filing	Form 990 or 990-EZ required each year

THE APPLICATION IT ANSWERED

Form 1023, filed in 2017, described the purpose: to raise and verify the wages paid to workers on the coffee, tea and cocoa farms that supply US brands, by agreeing wage floors with farms, verifying pay, passing brand premiums to farms and publishing the results. That purpose is reproduced in the bylaws and on the Financials page.

WHERE THE REAL THING WOULD BE

On a real site this file is the scanned letter as received, and the exemption application beside it, both of which the IRS requires a public charity to make available. The organization reports the rule; it does not advise on it.