Memorandum

To : Ms. Kristine Cazadd
Executive Director, MIC: 73

Date: October 20, 2011

From : Randy Ferris, Acting Chief Counsel
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Subject : **Board Meeting, November 15-17, 2011**
Item J - Chief Counsel's Rulemaking Calendar
Regulation 1532, *Teleproduction or Other Postproduction Service Equipment*
Regulation 1533.1, *Farm Equipment and Machinery*
Regulation 1534, *Timber Harvesting Equipment and Machinery*
Regulation 1535, *Racehorse Breeding Stock*

Assembly Bill 3 (Chapter 18, Statutes of 2009-10 3rd Extraordinary Session) added Revenue and Taxation Code (RTC) sections 6051.7 and 6201.7 to temporarily increase the state sales and use tax rate by one percent of the sales price of tangible personal property sold or purchased for use in this state on and after April 1, 2009. RTC sections 6051.7 and 6201.7 contained sunset provisions providing that the one percent sales and use tax rate would cease to be operative on July 1, 2011. The regulations referenced above all describe or explain partial exemptions from tax provided by RTC sections 6356.5, 6356.6, 6358.5, or 6378. These statutes provide that although sales and purchases of specified property under specified conditions are exempt from the state portion of the sales and use tax, the exemption does not extend to any tax levied by a county, city, or district pursuant to, or in accordance with, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, or the Transactions and Use Tax Law.

The regulations referenced above were amended in 2009 to specify that the partial exemption provided by these statutes included the one-percent tax imposed pursuant to RTC sections 6051.7 and 6201.7. As the one-percent tax imposed by RTC sections 6051.7 and 6201.7 expired on their own terms as of July 1, 2011, the proposed amendments to the regulations specify the partial exemptions apply to the one-percent tax imposed pursuant to RTC sections 6051.7 and 6201.7 through June 30, 2011 so the partial exemptions are effectively decreased from 6.25 percent to 5.25 percent as of July 1, 2011.

To incorporate the expired statutory provisions, we request your approval to place proposed revisions to Sales and Use Tax Regulations 1532, 1533.1, 1534, and 1535 on the Chief Counsel's Rulemaking Calendar on November 15-17, 2011, for Board authorization to amend the regulations under California Code of Regulations, title 1, section (Rule) 100, without the normal notice and public hearing process. The revisions are appropriate for

processing under Rule 100 because they make the regulations consistent with the statutory change and do not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription or other regulatory element of any California Code of Regulations provision.

Attached are strikeout and underlined versions of the regulations illustrating the proposed revisions.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please let me know or contact Mr. Bradley Heller at 916-323-3091.

Recommendation by:

Randy Ferris, Acting Chief Counsel

Approved:

Kristine Cazadd, Executive Director

Approved:

~~Jeffrey L. McGuire, Deputy Director~~
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BOARD APPROVED
At the 11-15-2011 Board Meeting

for Diane Olson, Chief
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Attachments

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Revised Text of Proposed Amendments to

California Code of Regulations, Title 18, Section 1532

Regulation 1532. TELEPRODUCTION OR OTHER POSTPRODUCTION SERVICE EQUIPMENT.

(a) PARTIAL EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY PURCHASED FOR USE IN TELEPRODUCTION OR OTHER POSTPRODUCTION SERVICES. Commencing on January 1, 1999, section 6378 of the Revenue and Taxation Code provides a partial exemption from sales and use tax for certain properties described in this regulation.

For the period commencing on January 1, 1999, and ending on December 31, 2000, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6201, and 6201.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on January 1, 2001, and ending on December 31, 2001, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051 and 6201 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (4.75%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on January 1, 2002, and ending on June 30, 2004, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6201, and 6201.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on July 1, 2004, and ending on March 31, 2009, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6051.5, 6201, 6201.3, and 6201.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5.25%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed or administered pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on April 1, 2009, and ending on June 30, 2011~~when sections 6051.7 and 6201.7 of the Revenue and Taxation Code cease to be operative~~, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6051.5, 6051.7, 6201, 6201.3, 6201.5, and 6201.7 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (6.25%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed or administered pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on July 1, 2011, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6051.5, 6201, 6201.3, and 6201.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5.25%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed or administered pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

Subject to the limitations set forth above, this partial exemption applies to sales or use taxes imposed on the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, any of the following items:

(1) Tangible personal property as defined in subdivision (c)(5) purchased for use by a qualified person to be used primarily in teleproduction or other postproduction services.

(2) Tangible personal property as defined in subdivision (c)(5) purchased for use by a qualified person to be used primarily to maintain, repair, measure, or test any property described in subdivision (a)(1).

(b) PROPERTY USED PRIMARILY IN ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL MANAGEMENT, OR MARKETING. Notwithstanding any other provision of this regulation, this partial exemption shall not apply to any tangible personal property that is used primarily in administration, general management, or marketing. For purposes of this subdivision, tangible personal property is used primarily in administration, general management, or marketing when it is used 50 percent or more of the time in one or more of those activities for the one year period following the date of purchase of the property.

(c) DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this regulation:

(1) "Primarily" means tangible personal property as defined in subdivision (c)(5) of this regulation used 50 percent or more of the time in an activity described in subdivision (a) for the one-year period following the date of purchase of the property. Tangible personal property shall not be considered used in such activities for any period of time that the property is located outside the state, regardless of how the property is used while outside the state.

(2) "Qualified person" means any person whose line of business is primarily engaged in teleproduction or other postproduction activities, including postproduction audio services for film, television, and video productions, described in Code 512191 of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Manual published by the United States Office of Management and Budget, 1997 edition, and as further defined in (c)(4) of this regulation. The term "qualified person" does not include persons whose line of business is primarily engaged in portrait studios providing still, video, or digital portrait photography services (NAICS Code 541921, incorporated herein by reference), or commercial photography services (NAICS Code 541922, incorporated herein by reference). For the purposes of this subdivision:

(A) "Primarily engaged" means 50 percent or more of gross revenues, including intra-company charges, are derived from teleproduction or other postproduction activities for the financial year of the purchaser preceding the purchase of the property. In cases where the purchaser was not primarily engaged in "teleproduction or other postproduction services" for the financial year preceding the purchase of the property, the one year period following the date of purchase of the property will be used. In the case of a nonprofit teleproduction or other postproduction establishment, "primarily engaged" means 50 percent or more of the funds allocated to the establishment are attributable to teleproduction or other postproduction services.

(B) For purposes of classifying a line of business, the economic unit shall be the "establishment" and the classification of the line or lines of business will be based on the establishment's primary activity based upon gross revenues.

(C) "Establishment" is defined as the smallest operating unit for which records provide information on the revenues and cost of operations incurred to perform the teleproduction or postproduction services.

1. The services may be provided to other divisions within the same entity or to related parties with or without direct compensation.

2. Establishments may include, but are not limited to, departments, divisions, subdivisions and product lines.

(3) "Sale" includes the producing, fabricating or processing of tangible personal property for a consideration for consumers who furnish either directly or indirectly the materials used in the producing, fabricating or processing. When performed outside this state or when the customer issues a resale certificate, a "purchase" includes the producing, fabricating or processing of tangible personal property for a consideration for consumers who furnish either directly or indirectly the materials used in the producing, fabricating or processing. If such producing, fabricating or processing is performed on property described in subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this regulation for a qualified person and the other requirements for the partial exemption in this regulation are met, the partial exemption applies to the gross receipts or sales price for such producing, fabricating, or processing.

(4) "Teleproduction or other postproduction services" means services for film, video, or digital multimedia formats (audio or visual) that include editing, film and video transfers, transcoding, dubbing, subtitling, credits, close captioning, audio production, special effects (visual or sound), graphics, or animation. For the purposes of this regulation, "teleproduction or other postproduction services" includes postproduction services and does not include production services or activities. "Teleproduction or other postproduction services" include the duplicating of film for postproduction purposes. However, the duplication of film to make release prints does not qualify as a "teleproduction or other postproduction service."

The term "teleproduction or other postproduction services" also includes, but is not limited to:

(A) Services performed to transform, manipulate, assemble, and duplicate visual moving images and synchronous sound previously captured on film, video, or digital formats (audio or visual) or as data during principal photography.

(B) Services to create digital images, models, miniatures or sounds that may be, but are not required to be combined with live action images. Teleproduction or other postproduction services does not include the recording of music except music recorded with synchronous visual images.

(C) Film processing; film to tape transfers; tape to tape transfers; DVD or digital audiovisual multimedia format authoring and encoding; color correction; digitizing; on-line and off-line editing; negative cutting; assembling; animation, creating 2d images, creating 3d images (CGI), visual effects; compositing; digital video image manipulation; dirt fixes; motion control visual effects capture; scanning and recording to or from film, video or data; transform; standards or format conversion; transcoding; duplication (except as provided); titles; subtitling; credits; closed captioning; creating graphics; audio scoring; automated dialogue replacement; foley; audio mixing; audio editing; audio laybacks; audio laydowns; audio special effects; management of visual or audio assets and related files stored as data; film, video or audio (dialogue, music and effects) restoration and preservation; archiving, format transfer utilizing compression standards; film cleaning; quality control processes performed in conjunction with any other postproduction process; and creation of data files related to a service defined above.

Definitions of the terms used in this subdivision are provided in Appendix C.

(D) The providing of postproduction facilities, such as personnel and scoring stages or equipment where the provider is deemed to be providing a qualified teleproduction or other postproduction service, is not a lease of tangible personal property.

The providing of special configured equipment to be used in (A) through (D) above with 24 hour a day, 7-day a week available on site technical support where the provider is deemed to be providing a qualified teleproduction or other postproduction service, is not a lease of tangible personal property.

(5) "Tangible personal property" includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(A) Machinery and equipment, including component parts. Machinery and equipment includes, but is not limited to, duplication equipment used for postproduction purposes and any property used to provide teleproduction or other postproduction services that is mounted or installed in a vehicle.

(B) All equipment or devices used or required to operate, control, regulate, or maintain the machinery, including, without limitation, audio and visual monitoring equipment, scopes, computers, data processing equipment, electronic data storage equipment, including both internal and external devices, consoles which are custom built, which have open compartments in which tangible personal property described in subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(2) is placed and which are not suitable for use for other purposes, equipment racks and computer software, including both operating programs and application programs. This also includes all repair and replacement parts with a useful life of one or more years whether purchased separately or in conjunction with a complete machine and regardless of whether the machine or component parts are assembled by the taxpayer or another party. Repair and replacement parts that are treated as a depreciable asset for financial purposes will be treated as having a useful life of more than one year for the purposes of this regulation, even when such items are expensed for income tax purposes under the special provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 179.

(C) Materials (as defined in Regulation 1521), only when purchased by a qualified person as tangible personal property and not pursuant to a construction contract, unless the construction contractor is the retailer of materials under Regulation 1521(b)(2)(A)(2); fixtures; or other tangible personal property used to operate, control, regulate, or maintain the property described in subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(2) which may subsequently be incorporated into real property, including but not limited to items such as air conditioning units dedicated to cooling equipment, electrical UPS (uninterrupted power source) units, sub-flooring, specialized lighting, sound insulation, hydraulics, cabling, routers, patch bays, hubs, robotic storage and retrieval equipment, switchers, satellite and/or other telecommunications equipment used to facilitate the distribution or movement of elements (in either video or data form) between all the various parties collaborating in the completion of a film or video project as part of the postproduction process.

(6) "Tangible personal property" does not include any of the following:

(A) Furniture, inventory, meals, vehicles (including those in or on which qualifying property is mounted or installed,) or equipment used to store products. The term "furniture" includes, but is not limited to, tables, chairs, desks or consoles other than those described in subdivision (c)(5)(B).

(B) Real property.

(d) TAXES AS TO WHICH THE PARTIAL EXEMPTION DOES NOT APPLY. This partial exemption does not apply to any tax levied by a county, city, or district pursuant to, or in accordance with, either the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Rev. & Tax. Code §§ 7200 et seq.) or the Transactions and Use Tax Law (Rev. & Tax Code §§ 7251 et seq.).

This partial exemption also does not apply to any tax levied pursuant to section 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or pursuant to section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

(e) SECTION 6378 EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE.

(1) Qualified persons who purchase or lease tangible personal property from an in-state seller, or an out-of-state seller obligated to collect use tax, must provide the seller with a section 6378 exemption certificate in order for the seller to claim the partial exemption. If the seller takes a complete section 6378 exemption certificate timely and in good faith, the certificate relieves the seller from the liability for the sales tax subject to exemption under this regulation or the duty of collecting the use tax subject to exemption under this regulation. A certificate will be considered timely if it is taken any time before the seller bills the purchaser for the property, any time within the seller's normal billing or payment cycle, or any time at or prior to delivery of the property to the purchaser.

A section 6378 exemption certificate which is not taken timely will not relieve the seller of the liability for tax excluded by the partial exemption unless the seller presents satisfactory evidence to the Board that the specific property was sold to a qualified person and primarily used in a qualifying manner.

The exemption certificate form set forth in Appendix A may be used as an exemption certificate.

(2) BLANKET CERTIFICATES. In lieu of requiring an exemption certificate for each transaction, a qualified person may issue a blanket exemption certificate. The blanket exemption certificate form set forth in Appendix B may be used as an exemption certificate. Qualified persons claiming the partial exemption through a blanket exemption certificate must make a clear reference to the blanket exemption certificate in documents such as their written purchase orders, sales agreements, leases, or contracts. Qualified persons claiming the partial exemption must also include in the document referencing the blanket exemption certificate a description of the property.

(3) FORM OF CERTIFICATE. Any document, such as a letter or purchase order, timely provided by the purchaser to the seller will be regarded as an exemption certificate with respect to the sale of the property described in the document if it contains all of the following essential elements:

(A) The signature of the purchaser or an agent or employee of the purchaser.

(B) The name and address of the purchaser

(C) The seller's permit number held by the purchaser, or a notation to the effect that the purchaser is not required to hold a permit.

(D) A statement that the property acquired is to be used primarily in teleproduction or other postproduction services or to be used primarily to maintain, repair, measure, or test any such property.

(E) A statement that the purchaser is a qualified person primarily engaged in teleproduction or other postproduction services as described in Regulation 1532.

(F) Description of property purchased, including sales price or rentals payable.

(G) Date executed.

(4) RETENTION AND AVAILABILITY OF CERTIFICATES. A seller must retain each exemption certificate, including a blanket exemption certificate, received from a qualified person for a period of not less than four years from the date on which the seller claims a partial exemption based on the exemption certificate. If a qualified person issues a blanket exemption certificate, the seller must also retain all documents, such as purchase orders, sales agreements, lease agreements, or contracts referencing the blanket exemption certificate and all invoices containing the sales price of the property that the qualified person claims is partially exempt by reference to the blanket

exemption certificate. Such documents shall be retained for a period of not less than four years from the date on which the seller claims a partial exemption based on the reference to the blanket exemption certificate.

While the Board will not normally require the filing of the section 6378 exemption certificate with a sales and use tax return, when necessary for the efficient administration of the Sales and Use Tax Law, the Board may, on 30 days' written notice, require a seller to commence filing with its sales and use tax returns copies of all certificates. The Board may also require that, within 45 days of the Board's request, sellers furnish to the Board any and all exemption certificates, or copies thereof, accepted for the purpose of supporting the partial exemption.

(5) If a purchaser who issues a section 6378 exemption certificate pursuant to subdivision (e)(1), (2), or (3) subsequently does not meet the requirements of a qualified person as set forth in subdivision (c)(2) or does not use the property in a manner or for the purpose which entitles the purchaser to the partial exemption, or if a purchaser issues a Section 6378 exemption certificate pursuant to subdivision (e)(1), (2), or (3) for property that does not qualify for the partial exemption, the purchaser shall be liable for payment of the sales tax excluded by the partial exemption, with applicable interest, to the same extent as if the purchaser were a seller making a retail sale of the property at the time of conversion. The sales price of the property to the purchaser shall be deemed to be the gross receipts from that retail sale.

(f) USE TAX. With respect to tangible personal property the use of which is subject to use tax, any purchaser claiming the partial exemption pursuant to section 6378 of the Revenue and Taxation Code must file a sales and use tax return or consumer use tax return for the period in which the property is first stored, used, or consumed in California unless the seller holds a valid California seller's permit or a certificate of registration – use tax and collects the use tax. The purchaser will not be relieved of his or her liability to pay any applicable use tax that is excluded from the partial exemption as provided in subdivision (d) of this regulation until such tax is remitted either to a vendor who issues a receipt which meets the requirements of Regulation 1686 or directly to the Board.

(g) CONVERSION OF PROPERTY TO A USE NOT QUALIFYING FOR THE PARTIAL EXEMPTION. Property that, within one year from the date of purchase, is removed from California, converted from an exempt use under this regulation to some other use not qualifying for the partial exemption, or used in a manner not qualifying for the partial exemption under this regulation, such as a lease to a non-qualified person, is used in a non-qualifying manner. If, as a result of the total non-qualifying use, the property is not primarily used, as defined in subdivision (c)(1), in a qualifying activity, the partial exemption shall not apply. In determining the non-qualifying use, two or more non-qualifying uses that occur at the same time shall be counted as one. For example, a lease to a non-qualified person of property that is removed from California shall be considered as one non-qualifying use for the period it was removed from California and leased to a non-qualified person.

The property shall not, however, be regarded as converted to a use not qualifying for the partial exemption if the qualified person sells or leases the property to a qualified person for qualified use in California.

For purposes of this subdivision, tangible personal property shall not be regarded as being converted to a non-qualifying use if such property is used for teleproduction or other postproduction services in this state for more than one half of the one year period from the date of purchase of the property.

(h) PURCHASER'S LIABILITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SALES TAX. If a purchaser submits a section 6378 exemption certificate to the seller, and then within one year of the date of purchase of the property converts that property as described in subdivision (g) from an exempt use pursuant to this regulation to some other use not qualifying for the partial exemption, the purchaser shall be liable for payment of sales tax excluded by the partial exemption, with applicable interest, to the same extent as if the purchaser were a seller making a retail sale of the property at the time the property was so removed, converted, or used; and the sales price of the property to the purchaser shall be deemed to be the gross receipts from that retail sale. In the case of a non-qualifying lease, the payment of sales tax by a purchaser when included on the return for the period covering the date of conversion shall be deemed to be a timely election to pay tax based on the purchase price.

(i) LEASES.

(1) LEASES - IN GENERAL. Leases of tangible personal property which are classified as "continuing sales" and "continuing purchases" of tangible personal property, in accordance with Regulation 1660, "Leases of Tangible Personal Property - In General," may qualify for the partial exemption subject to all the limitations and conditions set forth in this regulation. This partial exemption may apply to rental receipts paid by a qualified person with respect to a lease of tangible personal property to the qualified person, which tangible personal property is used as set forth in

subdivisions (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this regulation, notwithstanding the fact that the lease was entered into prior to the operative date of this regulation. For purposes of this subdivision, a non-qualified person may purchase property for resale and subsequently lease the property to a qualified person subject to the partial exemption. A lessee is a qualified person if the lessee is "primarily engaged" in teleproduction or other postproduction activities and meets the requirements of a qualified person set forth in subdivision (c)(2).

(2) LEASES OF TAX-PAID PROPERTY. The partial exemption does not apply to the sale of property to, or the storage, use, or other consumption of property by, a person who is not a qualified person even if that person subsequently leases the property to a qualified person.

(3) LEASE OF PROPERTY BY A QUALIFIED PERSON. If a qualified person has acquired property subject to the partial exemption provided by this regulation, the subsequent lease of that property will not be subject to tax measured by rental receipts. A lease of property to a qualified person for use in a qualified manner constitutes a qualifying use of the property by the lessor. If, however, the property is used in a manner not qualifying for the exemption, such as being leased to a non-qualified person in the aggregate for more than one half of the one year period following the date of purchase by the qualified person, such property is not considered to be primarily used in "teleproduction or other postproduction services." Therefore, the lessor will be liable for tax in accordance with subdivision (e)(5).

For example, if a qualified person purchases property under the partial exemption, and then leases the property to a non-qualified person, the lease receipts will not be subject to tax as the purchaser has elected to pay tax on their cost. However, if the qualified person who purchases the property leases the property to a non-qualified person for more than one half of the one year period following the date of purchase, the lessor is not using the property in a qualifying manner and is responsible for the tax excluded by the partial exemption based upon the purchase price of the property.

(4) LEASES–RECHARACTERIZATION. With respect to transactions which the parties denominate as a "lease," but which are recharacterized for sales and use tax purposes either as sales at their inception, pursuant to Regulation 1641, "Credit Sales and Repossessions," subdivision (b), or as sales under a security agreement, Regulation 1660, "Leases of Tangible Personal Property - In General," subdivision (a)(2), the transactions may qualify for the partial exemption, in accordance with this regulation.

(5) LEASES–ACQUISITION SALE AND LEASEBACK. A qualified person will be regarded as having paid sales tax reimbursement or use tax with respect to that person's purchase of property, within the meaning of those words as they are used in ~~S~~section 6010.65 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, if the qualified person has paid all applicable taxes with respect to the acquisition of the property, notwithstanding the fact that the sale and purchase of the property may have been subject to the partial exemption from tax provided by this regulation.

(j) RECORDS. Adequate and complete records must be maintained by the purchaser to support that the property purchased was used primarily in the performance of teleproduction or other postproduction services for a period of no less than one year prior to conversion of the property to a non-qualifying use or use by a non qualifying party.

(k) OPERATIVE DATE. This regulation is operative as of January 1, 1999. The partial exemption under section 6378 of the Revenue and Taxation Code only applies to qualifying tangible personal property that is sold or first stored, used, or consumed in California on or after the operative date.

Section 6378 Exemption Certificate

Please Note: This is a partial exemption from sales and use tax at the rate of 5.25% effective July 1, 2011, 6.25% from ~~effective~~ April 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011~~, and ending when sections 6051.7 and 6201.7 of the Revenue and Taxation Code cease to be operative~~, 5.25% from July 1, 2004 to March 31, 2009, 5% from January 1, 2002 to June 30, 2004, 4.75% from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001, and 5% from January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2000. You are not relieved from your obligations for the local and district taxes on this transaction. This partial exemption also does not apply to any tax levied pursuant to section 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or pursuant to section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution. The exemption is specific to these transactions only and may not be construed to exempt other transactions. This exemption also applies to lease payments made on or after January 1, 1999, notwithstanding the fact that the lease agreement was entered into prior to January 1, 1999. This certificate may *not* be used to purchase certain property such as, furniture, inventory, meals, vehicles, equipment used to store products or real property.

Seller's Name
Seller's Address
(Street, City, State, Zip Code)

PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER	DATE OF PURCHASE ORDER	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY PURCHASED OR LEASED*	SALES PRICE/ RENTALS PAYABLE

I hereby certify that I am a qualified person primarily engaged in teleproduction or other postproduction services as described in Regulation 1532 and that the property listed above will be used primarily in teleproduction or other postproduction services or to maintain, repair, measure or test any such property. I understand that if such property is used outside the State of California or leased to a non-qualified person in the aggregate for more than one half of the one year period following the date of purchase or lease, or if such property is converted for use in a manner not qualifying for the exemption, that I am required by the Revenue and Taxation Code to report and pay the state sales/use tax measured by the sales price of the property to/by me.

PRINT NAME	TITLE	COMPANY NAME
SIGNATURE	DATE	PERMIT NUMBER (if applicable)*
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE, ZIP

Seller must retain a copy of this exemption certificate to support a deduction taken on their return.

* A seller's permit is required to be held by any person engaged in the business of selling tangible personal property in California. Certain lessors must also hold a seller's permit. If you are not required to hold a seller's permit because you make no sales or leases of tangible personal property in California, please enter "Not Applicable".

Appendix A

Section 6378 Blanket Exemption Certificate

Please Note: This is a partial exemption from sales and use tax at the rate of 5.25% effective July 1, 2011, 6.25% from ~~effective~~ April 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011~~,and ending when sections 6051.7 and 6201.7 of the Revenue and Taxation Code cease to be operative~~, 5.25% from July 1, 2004 to March 31, 2009, 5% from January 1, 2002 to June 30, 2004, 4.75% from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001, and 5% from January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2000. You are not relieved from your obligations for the local and district taxes on this transaction. This partial exemption also does not apply to any tax levied pursuant to section 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or pursuant to section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution. This exemption also applies to lease payments made on or after January 1, 1999, notwithstanding the fact that the lease agreement was entered into prior to January 1, 1999. This certificate may ***not*** be used to purchase certain property such as furniture, inventory, meals, vehicles, equipment used to store products or real property.

Seller's Name
Seller's Address
(Street, City, State, Zip Code)

I hereby certify that I am a qualified person primarily engaged in teleproduction or other postproduction services as described in Regulation 1532 and that the property purchased or leased will be used primarily in teleproduction or other postproduction services or to maintain, repair, measure or test any such property. I understand that if such property is used outside the State of California or leased to a non qualified person in the aggregate for more than one half of the one year period following the date of purchase or lease, or if such property is converted for use in a manner not qualifying for the exemption, that I am required by the Revenue and Taxation Code to report and pay the state sales/use tax measured by the sales price of the property to/by me.

PRINT NAME	TITLE	COMPANY NAME
SIGNATURE	DATE	PERMIT NUMBER (if applicable)*
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE, ZIP

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Appendix B

Technical Definitions

DVD (Digital Video Disk) - is a medium for recording compressed audio, visual images and other related data.

Digitizing – Process of converting video containing audio, visual images and other related data into digital format.

Assembly – Combining audio, visual images and other related data into proper sequence and recording to a new edited master videotape pursuant to instructions provided by editor.

Creating 2D Images – Process of enhancing original elements captured through principal photography by creating or manipulating two dimensional images.

Creating 3D Images (CGI) – Process of creating three-dimensional images that will ultimately be recorded on film, video or other multimedia format.

Dirt Fixes – Process to electronically "clean up" or "remove" undesirable elements such as dirt and film scratches from visual images.

Digital Video Image Manipulation – This process includes: compositing multiple layers of visual images, changing aspect ratio or scale, flip, defocus, rotate, resize, reposition, crop, color correction, apply special effects such as warping the image, create transitional effects between scenes or shots.

Motion Control Visual Effects Capture – Recording flat art such as pictures and logos and applying movement to the visual image such as pan, scan, zoom. Motion Control Capture could also create tracking points through recording movement of a live subject that will be applied to a computer generated image.

Transcoding – Converting video and audio formats.

Duplication – Process of making film or videotape copies excluding film processing to produce release prints as defined in Regulation 1529 or duplication of video tapes intended for non-broadcast consumer sale or rental.

Automated Dialogue Replacement (ADR) – Recording new dialogue or re-recording dialogue where the production sound is unusable or obscured.

Foley – Process of adding to or replacing sound elements that enhance ambient sounds such as footsteps, doors closing, breathing, rustling of clothes, keys jangling in pockets and punches.

Audio Laybacks – Recording the completed audio back to a videotape or film master.

Audio Laydowns – Recording sound from an audio source or video element to another audio element.

Quality Control (QC) – Process by which a film print or videotape is evaluated to make sure it meets technical requirements.

Archiving – Processes involved in preparing and storing film, videotape or other multimedia elements for future use.

Format Transfer Utilizing Compression Standards – To transfer video or audio format utilizing a compression standard to allow for more efficient file size management or file format changes.

Management of Visual or Audio Assets and Related Files Stored as Data – Process of creating database with specified reference points to allow for timely search and retrieval of elements by multiple users through central file servers.

Creation of Data Files Related to a Teleproduction or other Postproduction Service – Data files contain information that is related to the visual and audio information stored on film, video or other multimedia format such as timecode, keycode/flex files, edit decision lists.

Appendix C

Reference: Section 6378, Revenue and Taxation Code.

Revised Text of Proposed Amendments to

California Code of Regulations, Title 18, Section 1533.1

Regulation 1533.1. FARM EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY

(a) GENERAL. Commencing on and after September 1, 2001, Section 6356.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code partially exempts from sales and use tax the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state, of farm equipment and machinery, and parts of farm equipment and machinery purchased for use by a qualified person to be used primarily in producing and harvesting agricultural products. The terms "farm equipment and machinery," "parts of farm equipment and machinery," "qualified person," and "producing and harvesting agricultural products" are defined below.

For the period commencing on September 1, 2001, and ending on December 31, 2001, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by Sections 6051 and 6201 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (4.75%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed pursuant to Sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or Section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on January 1, 2002, and ending on June 30, 2004, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by Sections 6051, 6051.3, 6201, and 6201.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed pursuant to Sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or Section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on July 1, 2004, and ending on March 31, 2009, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by Sections 6051, 6051.3, 6051.5, 6201, 6201.3, and 6201.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5.25%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed or administered pursuant to Sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or Section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on April 1, 2009, and ending on June 30, 2011~~when sections 6051.7 and 6201.7 of the Revenue and Taxation Code cease to be operative~~, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6051.5, 6051.7, 6201, 6201.3, 6201.5, and 6201.7 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (6.25%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed or administered pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on July 1, 2011, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6051.5, 6201, 6201.3, and 6201.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5.25%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed or administered pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

(b) DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this regulation:

(1) "Farm equipment and machinery" means implements of husbandry, which include:

(A) Any new or used tool, machine, equipment, appliance, device or apparatus used in the conduct of agricultural operations, except where such items are intended for sale in the ordinary course of business. Such items include, but are not limited to, combines, harrows, tractor implements, agricultural heating and cooling equipment, fuel storage equipment, wind machines, handling and packing equipment and conveyors, ginning equipment, feeding, watering and waste disposal systems for livestock, incubators and equipment used for egg and poultry production, harvesting trays and bins, farm tools such as rakes and hoes, plant support equipment such as trellis systems, irrigation systems, fencing systems, milking systems, agricultural operating structures, squeeze chutes, portable panels, corrals, loading chutes, veterinary instruments, free stalls, cages and tack items such as saddles and rope.

Farm equipment and machinery also includes any equipment or device used or required to operate, control, or regulate machinery not limited to computers, data processing equipment, and computer software, including both operating programs and application programs. Farm equipment and machinery may be attached to realty.

Agricultural operating structures include single purpose agricultural or horticultural structures as defined in Treasury Regulation 1.48-10 (26 CFR 1.48-10). Such structures must be specifically designed and constructed for the permitted purposes of housing, raising and feeding of livestock or the commercial production of plants. A structure is specifically designed and constructed if it is not economic to design and construct the structure for the intended qualifying purpose and then use the structure for a different purpose. A structure qualifies as single purpose agricultural or horticultural structure only if it is used exclusively for a permitted purpose. The structure may not be used for any nonpermissible purposes such as processing, marketing, or more than incidental use for storing feed and equipment. A single purpose agricultural structure also houses equipment necessary to house, raise and feed livestock including, but not limited to, equipment necessary to contain livestock, to provide them with feed or water, and to control the temperature, lighting, and humidity of the interior structure. Examples of structures that qualify as a single purpose agricultural or horticultural structure include, but are not limited to, a farrowing barn, greenhouse, free stall barn, milking parlor, and egg production or poultry brooding facility. Single purpose agricultural or horticultural structures do not include general purpose farm buildings.

Farm equipment and machinery does not include tangible personal property primarily used in the administration, management, or marketing of a qualified person's operations or that of another who assists a qualified person. Farm equipment and machinery also does not include tangible personal property that is, without limitation, a supply item not used in producing or harvesting agricultural products such as shop towels, cleaning agents, hand cleaners, chemicals, and articles of clothing, except clothing designed primarily to protect a commodity or to apply agricultural chemicals as described in 3 CCR 6738.

(B) Any new or used vehicle, as defined in Chapter 1, Division 16 of the Vehicle Code, which is used exclusively in the conduct of agricultural operations such as a farm tractor, but not including a vehicle whose existing design is primarily for the transportation of persons or property on a highway, unless such vehicle is otherwise specified as an implement of husbandry in some other provision of the Vehicle Code.

A list of typical vehicles regarded as farm equipment and machinery is set forth in Appendix A.

(2) "Parts of farm equipment and machinery" means:

(A) All component parts and contrivances such as belts, shafts, pipes, hoses and moving parts, that are parts of farm equipment and machinery as defined in subdivision (b)(1) which can be separated from the farm equipment and machinery and replaced. Parts of farm equipment and machinery do not include items that are consumed (e.g., burned, evaporate, dissolve, dissipate) through the regular use of the farm equipment and machinery (e.g., gasoline, cleaning agents, solutions, chemicals) which are ordinarily supplies; however, engine oil not consumed (i.e., not consumed as part of fuel for a two-stroke engine) is regarded as a component part.

(B) All repair and replacement parts for farm equipment and machinery as defined in subdivision (b)(1), which replace previous parts and can include parts that are identical to the parts they replace as well as parts that are different from the ones they replace, such as replacement parts added for the purpose of improving or modifying the farm equipment and machinery, whether purchased separately or in conjunction with a complete machine and regardless of whether the machine or component parts are assembled by a qualified person, a person that assists a qualified person, or another person.

(3) "Person that assists a qualified person" means a person employed by a qualified person, or engaged on a contract or fee basis to perform activities described in Major Group 07 of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual published by the United States Office of Management and Budget, 1987 edition (hereafter SIC Manual) which include soil preparation services, crop services, veterinary services, animal services, landscape and horticultural services, and farm labor and management services, that uses farm equipment and machinery in assisting a person engaged in a line of business described in subdivision (b)(6) below. A person that assists a qualified person may perform a construction contract only if the person performing the contract is engaged in farm management services as described in Code 0762 of the SIC Manual and the construction is integral to the producing and harvesting of an agricultural product as defined in (b)(5). A person that assists a qualified person must provide physical aid or assistance in the actual producing and harvesting of agricultural products owned by the qualified person and not merely provide aid in administrative, managerial, or marketing activities. A person that assists a qualified person does not include persons performing services such as an attorney, accountant, consultant, or other similar activity.

Except as otherwise provided above, a person that assists a qualified person also does not include persons who perform construction contracts or who perform repairs to farm equipment and machinery, or a person that assists such persons.

(4) "Primarily" means used 50 percent or more of the time in producing and harvesting agricultural products as defined in subdivision (b)(5).

(5) "Producing and harvesting agricultural products" means those activities described in Major Groups 01, 02 and 07 of the SIC Manual. Major Group 01 includes establishments engaged in the production of crops, plants, vines, and trees (excluding forestry operations). This major group also includes establishments engaged in the operation of sod farms; in the production of mushrooms, bulbs, flower seeds, and vegetable seeds; and in the growing of hydroponic crops. Major Group 02 includes establishments engaged in the keeping, grazing, or feeding of livestock for the sale of livestock or livestock products (including serums), for livestock increase, or for value increase. Livestock, as specified in Major Group 02, includes cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, and poultry of all kinds; also included are animal specialties, such as horses, rabbits, bees, pets, fish in captivity, and fur-bearing animals in captivity. Major Group 07 includes establishments engaged in performing soil preparation services, crop services, veterinary services, animal services, landscape and horticultural services, and farm labor and management services. Producing and harvesting agricultural products involves the cultivation of land or the growing, raising, or gathering of the commodities described in Codes 0111 to 0291 of the SIC Manual and integral activities thereto described in Code 0711 to 0783 of the SIC Manual. Such activities include, but are not limited to, flame weeding, pest control, nut hulling and shelling, crop drying, cotton ginning, poultry and pig brooding, livestock breeding, water heating, crop heating, and fruit ripening. Producing and harvesting agricultural products also includes the washing of agricultural products, the inspection and grading of agricultural products or livestock, or the packaging of agricultural products for shipment. Except as otherwise provided under Major Groups 01, 02 or 07 of the SIC Manual, producing and harvesting activities do not include post harvesting activities nor those activities described or otherwise designated in Major Group 20 – Food and Kindred Products of the SIC Manual. Nevertheless, the specific activities of sun drying or artificially dehydrating fruits and vegetables as described in Code 2034 of the SIC Manual qualify as producing and harvesting activities where those activities are performed by a qualified person as defined in (b)(6) or a person who assists a qualified person as defined in (b)(3).

For example, a person engaged in a SIC Code 0172 establishment that performs activities such as producing grapes on a grape farm or vineyard, who uses crop drying equipment primarily to remove moisture from the grapes to prevent mold, will qualify for the partial exemption if the grapes are owned by a qualified person engaged in an establishment described in SIC Code 0111 to 0291. However, a person who is exclusively engaged in a SIC Code 2034 establishment that sun dries or artificially dehydrates fruits and vegetables such as dates, prunes or raisins, that purchases grapes from a grape farm, and uses crop drying equipment primarily to change the character of the commodity from a grape to a raisin, will not qualify for the partial exemption since he or she is not engaged in a qualified SIC Code activity. A person engaged in a qualified SIC Code that performs a harvest activity will qualify for the partial exemption to the extent the qualified property is used primarily in such qualified activity despite the fact that the property may otherwise be used less than 50% of the time in post-harvest activities by a person undertaking activities described in SIC Code 2034.

(6) "Qualified person" means a person engaged in a line of business described in Codes 0111 to 0291 of the SIC Manual or performs activities described in Codes 0711 to 0783 in addition to being engaged in a line of business described in Codes 0111 to 0291, which includes cash grains, field crops, vegetables and melons, fruits and tree nuts, horticultural specialties, livestock, dairy, poultry and eggs, and animal specialties and who sells such commodities to others. A qualified person also includes any person conducting activities, as defined in (b)(3) above, that uses qualified property to assist a person engaged in a line of business described herein in producing and harvesting agricultural products owned by the qualified person. A qualified person is not required to be engaged 50 percent or more of the time in a line of business described in Codes 0111 to 0291. A qualified person does not include a person operating a garden plot, orchard, or farm for the purpose of growing produce or animals for that person's own use.

(7) "Qualified property" means farm equipment and machinery, and the parts thereof, as defined in subdivision (b)(1)-(2) used primarily in producing and harvesting agricultural products.

(c) PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES.

(1) IN GENERAL. Qualified persons who purchase or lease qualified property from an in-state retailer, or an out-of state retailer obligated to collect use tax, must provide the retailer with a partial exemption certificate in order for the retailer to claim the partial exemption. If the retailer takes a partial exemption certificate timely and in good faith, as defined in subdivision (c)(5), from a qualified person, the partial exemption certificate relieves the retailer from the liability for the sales tax subject to exemption under this regulation or the duty of collecting the use tax subject to exemption under this regulation. A partial exemption certificate will be considered timely if it is taken any time before the retailer bills the purchaser for the qualified property, any time within the retailer's normal billing or payment cycle, any time at or prior to delivery of the qualified property to the purchaser, or no later than 15 days after the date of purchase. A partial exemption certificate which is not taken timely will not relieve the retailer of the liability for tax excluded by the partial exemption; however the retailer may present satisfactory evidence to the Board that the retailer sold the specific property to a qualified person and the property was primarily used in a qualifying manner. A partial exemption from the sales and use tax under this part shall not be allowed unless the retailer claims the partial exemption on its sales and use tax return for the reporting period during which the transaction subject to the partial exemption occurred. Where the retailer fails to claim the partial exemption as set forth above, the retailer may file a claim for refund as set forth in subdivision (e).

The partial exemption certificate form set forth in Appendix B may be used to claim the partial exemption.

(2) BLANKET PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES. In lieu of requiring a partial exemption certificate for each transaction, a qualified person may issue a blanket partial exemption certificate. The partial exemption certificate form set forth in Appendix B may be used as a blanket partial exemption certificate. Appendix B may also be used as a specific partial exemption certificate if the purchaser provides the purchase order or sales invoice number and a precise description of the property being purchased. Qualified persons must include in the partial exemption certificate a description of the qualified property. If purchasing tangible personal property not qualifying for the partial exemption, the qualified person must clearly state in documents such as a written purchase order, sales agreement, lease, or contract that the sale or purchase is not subject to the blanket partial exemption certificate.

(3) FORM OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE. Any document, such as a letter or purchase order, timely provided by the purchaser to the seller will be regarded as a partial exemption certificate with respect to the sale or purchase of the property described in the document if it contains all of the following essential elements:

(A) The signature of the purchaser, purchaser's employee, or authorized representative of the purchaser.

(B) The name, address and telephone number of the purchaser.

(C) The number of the seller's permit held by the purchaser. If the purchaser is not required to hold a permit because the purchaser sells only property of a kind the retail sale of which is not taxable, e.g., food products for human consumption, or because the purchaser makes no sales in this state, the purchaser must include on the certificate a sufficient explanation as to the reason the purchaser is not required to hold a California seller's permit in lieu of a seller's permit number.

(D) A statement that the property purchased is to be used primarily, or exclusively as to qualifying vehicles, in producing and harvesting agricultural products.

(E) A statement that the purchaser is a person engaged in an agricultural business described in Codes 0111 to 0291 of the SIC Manual or is a person that assists such classified person by performing an agricultural service described in Codes 0711 to 0783 of the SIC Manual.

(F) Description of property purchased.

(G) Date of execution of document.

(4) RETENTION AND AVAILABILITY OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES. A retailer must retain each partial exemption certificate received from a qualified person for a period of not less than four years from the date on which the retailer claims a partial exemption based on the partial exemption certificate.

While the Board will not normally require the filing of the partial exemption certificate with a sales and use tax return, when necessary for the efficient administration of the Sales and Use Tax Law, the Board may on 30 days' written notice, require a retailer to commence filing with its sales and use tax returns copies of all partial exemption certificates. The Board may also require, within 45 days of the Board's request, retailers provide the Board access to any and all partial exemption certificates, or copies thereof, accepted for the purposes of supporting the partial exemption.

(5) GOOD FAITH. A seller will be presumed to have taken a partial exemption certificate in good faith in the absence of evidence to the contrary. A seller, without knowledge to the contrary, may accept a partial exemption certificate in good faith where a qualified person states that he or she is engaged in an agricultural business described in Codes 0111 to 0291 of the SIC Manual or in which a person that assists a qualified person states that he or she performs an agricultural service described in Codes 0711 to 0783 of the SIC Manual and states that the property purchased is to be used primarily, or exclusively as to qualifying vehicles, in producing and harvesting agricultural products. If the qualified person or person that assists a qualified person is buying property of a kind not normally used in producing and harvesting agricultural products, the seller should require a statement as to how the specific property purchased will be used. However, an exemption certificate cannot be accepted in good faith where the seller has knowledge that the property is not subject to a partial exemption, or will not be otherwise used in a partially exempt manner.

(d) PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR USE TAX. The partial exemption certificate must be completed by a qualified person to claim a partial exemption from use tax on purchases of qualified property from an out-of-state retailer not obligated to collect the use tax. A partial exemption from the use tax shall not be allowed unless the purchaser or retailer claims the partial exemption on its individual use tax return, sales and use tax return, or consumer use tax return for the reporting period during which the transaction subject to the partial exemption occurred. Where the purchaser or retailer fails to claim the partial exemption as set forth above, the purchaser or retailer may file a claim for refund as set forth in subdivision (e).

The purchaser who files an individual use tax return must attach a completed partial exemption certificate to the return. The purchaser who is registered with the Board as a retailer or consumer and files a sales and use tax return or consumer use tax return must, within 45 days of the Board's request, provide the Board access to any and all documents that support the claimed partial exemption.

The partial exemption certificate form set forth in Appendix B may be used to claim the partial exemption.

(e) REFUND OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION.

(1) For the period commencing on September 1, 2001, and ending on April 30, 2002, a qualified person may claim the partial exemption on qualified purchases from an in-state retailer or an out-of-state retailer obligated to collect the use tax by furnishing the retailer with a partial exemption certificate on or before July 31, 2002. The retailer must refund the tax or tax reimbursement directly to a qualified purchaser of qualified property or, at the purchaser's sole option, the purchaser may be credited with such amount.

(2) A retailer who paid sales tax on a qualified sale or a person who paid use tax on a qualified purchase and who failed to claim the partial exemption as provided by this regulation may file a claim for refund equal to the amount of the partial exemption that he or she could have claimed pursuant to this regulation. The procedure for filing a claim shall be the same as for other claims for refund filed pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 6901. For transactions subject to use tax, a qualified person filing a claim for refund of the partial exemption has the burden of establishing that he or she was entitled to claim the partial exemption with respect to the amount of refund claimed under this part. For transactions subject to sales tax, a person filing a claim for refund of the partial exemption has the burden of establishing that the purchaser of the qualified property otherwise met all the requirements of a qualified person at the time of the purchase subject to the refund claimed under this part.

(f) IMPROPER USE OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION.

(1) PROPERTY USED IN A MANNER NOT QUALIFYING FOR THE PARTIAL EXEMPTION. Notwithstanding subdivision (a), tax applies to any sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property that is used in a manner not qualifying for the partial exemption under this regulation.

(2) PURCHASES BY NON-QUALIFIED PERSONS. Notwithstanding subdivision (a), tax applies to any sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property if a purchaser is not a qualified person.

(g) PURCHASER'S LIABILITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SALES TAX.

(1) If a purchaser timely submits a copy of a partial exemption certificate to the retailer or partial exemption certificate for use tax to the Board, and then uses that tangible personal property in a manner not qualifying for the partial exemption, the purchaser shall be liable for payment of the sales tax, with applicable interest, to the same

extent as if the purchaser were a retailer making a retail sale of the property at the time the property was so removed, converted, or used.

(2) A purchaser providing a partial exemption certificate accepted in good faith by the retailer or a partial exemption certificate for use tax to the Board for tangible personal property that does not qualify for the partial exemption is liable for payment of the sales tax, with applicable interest, to the same extent as if the purchaser were a retailer making a retail sale of the property at the time the property was purchased.

(h) LEASES TO QUALIFYING PERSONS.

(1) LEASES—IN GENERAL. Leases of tangible personal property which are classified as "continuing sales" and "continuing purchases" of tangible personal property, in accordance with Regulation 1660, "Leases of Tangible Personal Property – In General," may qualify for the partial exemption subject to all the limitations and conditions set forth in this regulation. This partial exemption may apply to rentals payable paid by a qualified person on or after September 1, 2001 with respect to a lease of qualified property to the qualified person, which qualified property is used in producing and harvesting agricultural products, notwithstanding the fact that the lease was entered into prior to the effective date of this regulation. For purposes of this subdivision, a non-qualified person may purchase property for resale and subsequently lease the property to a qualified person subject to the partial exemption.

(2) LEASES—ACQUISITION SALE AND LEASEBACK. A qualified person will be regarded as having paid sales tax reimbursement or use tax with respect to that qualified person's purchase of property, within the meaning of those words as they are used in section 6010.65 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, if the qualified person has paid all applicable taxes with respect to the acquisition of the property, notwithstanding the fact that the sale and purchase of the property may have been subject to the partial exemption from tax provided by this regulation.

(3) SUBSEQUENT LEASE OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED SUBJECT TO PARTIAL EXEMPTION. If a qualified person has acquired property subject to the partial exemption provided by this regulation and has paid all applicable taxes at that acquisition, the property will be regarded as property as to which sales tax reimbursement or use tax has been paid, and the subsequent lease of that property will not be subject to tax measured by rentals payable.

(i) RECORDS. Adequate and complete records must be maintained by the qualified person as evidence that the qualified property purchased was used by the qualified person primarily in producing and harvesting agricultural products.

(j) OPERATIVE DATE. This regulation is operative as of September 1, 2001.

Appendix A. The following is a list of typical vehicles regarded as farm equipment and machinery:

1. A lift carrier or other vehicle designed and used exclusively for the lifting and carrying of implements of husbandry or tools used exclusively for the production or harvesting of agricultural products, when operated or moved upon a highway.

2. A trailer of the tip-bed type when used exclusively in the transportation of other implements of husbandry or tools used exclusively for the production or harvesting of agricultural products.

3. A trailer or semi-trailer having no bed, and designed and used solely for transporting a hay loader or swather.

4. A spray or fertilizer applicator rig used exclusively for spraying or fertilizing in the conduct of agricultural operations, except anhydrous ammonia fertilizer applicator rigs which have a transportation capacity in excess of 500 gallons.

5. A trailer or semi-trailer which has a maximum transportation capacity in excess of 500 gallons, but not more than 1,000 gallons, used exclusively for the transportation and application of anhydrous ammonia, if the vehicle is either equipped with operating brakes or is towed upon a highway by a motor truck that is assigned a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 3/4 ton or more.

6. A nurse rig or equipment auxiliary to the use of and designed or modified for the fueling, repairing, or loading of an applicator rig or an airplane used for the dusting, spraying, fertilizing, or seeding of crops.

7. A row duster.

8. A wagon or van used exclusively for carrying products of farming from one part of a farm to another part thereof, or from one farm to another farm, and used solely for agricultural purposes, including any van used in harvesting alfalfa or cotton, which is only incidentally operated or moved on a highway as a trailer.

9. A wagon or portable house on wheels used solely by shepherds as a permanent residence in connection with sheep raising operations and moved from one part of a ranch to another part thereof or from one ranch to another ranch, which is only incidentally operated or moved on a highway as a trailer.

10. A trap wagon, as defined in Vehicle Code Section 36016, moved from one part of a ranch to another part of the same ranch or from one ranch to another, which is only operated or moved on a highway incidental to agricultural operations. The fuel tank or tanks of the trap wagon shall not exceed 1,000 gallons total capacity.

11. Any vehicle which is operated upon a highway only for the purpose of transporting agricultural products and is in no event operated along a highway for a total distance greater than one mile from the point of origin of the trip.

12. A portable honey-extracting trailer or semi-trailer.

13. A fertilizer nurse tank or trailer that is not self-propelled and which is moved unladen on the highway and auxiliary to the use of a spray or fertilizer applicator rig.

14. Any cotton trailer when used on the highways for the exclusive purpose of transporting cotton from a farm to a cotton gin, and returning the empty trailer to such farm.

15. A truck tractor or truck tractor and semi-trailer combination which is owned by a farmer and operated on the highways, (1) only incidental to a farming operation, (2) not for compensation, and (3) for a distance of not more than two miles (on the highway) each way. This subdivision applies only to truck tractors with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating over 10,000 pounds that are equipped with all-wheel drive and off-highway traction tires on all wheels, and only to semi-trailers used in combination with such a truck tractor and exclusively in production or harvesting of tomatoes. The vehicles specified in this subdivision shall not be operated in excess of 25 miles per hour on the highways.

16. Any farm tractor used upon a highway to draw a farm trailer carrying farm produce, or to draw any trailer or semi-trailer carrying other implements of husbandry, between farms, or from a farm to a processing or handling point and returning with or without the trailer.

Appendix B.

PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE **STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Qualified Sales and Purchases of Farm Equipment and Machinery

NOTE: This is an exemption only from the state general fund portion of the sales and use tax rate. You are not relieved from your obligations for the local and district taxes on this transaction. This partial exemption also does not apply to any tax levied pursuant to Section 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or pursuant to Section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution. This partial exemption also applies to lease payments made on or after September 1, 2001, for tangible personal property even if the lease agreement was entered into prior to September 1, 2001.

SELLER'S/LESSOR'S NAME
SELLER'S/LESSOR'S ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

I, as the undersigned purchaser, hereby certify I am engaged in an agricultural business described in Codes 0111 to 0291 of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, or I perform an agricultural service described in Codes 0711 to 0783 of the SIC Manual for such classified persons. The property purchased or leased will be used primarily in producing and harvesting agricultural products in accordance with Revenue & Taxation Code Section 6356.5.[1]

Type of Farm Equipment and Machinery (or parts[2] thereof)*

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*If you also want this certificate to be used as a blanket certificate for future purchases, describe generally the type of property you will be purchasing and ask your vendor to keep this certificate on file. If this is a specific partial exemption certificate, provide the purchase order or sales invoice number and a precise description of the property being purchased.

I understand that if such property is not used in the manner qualifying for the partial exemption, or if I am not a qualified person, as applicable, that I am required by the Sales and Use Tax Law to report and pay the state tax measured by the sales price/rentals payable of the property to/by me. I also understand that this partial exemption certificate is in effect as of the date shown below and will remain in effect until revoked in writing.

PURCHASER'S NAME OR COMPANY NAME (If applicable)		DATE
SIGNATURE (signature of the purchaser, purchaser's employee, or authorized representative of the purchaser)		PERMIT NUMBER (If applicable)[3]
TITLE		TELEPHONE NUMBER
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE, ZIP

1 Vehicles that qualify as farm equipment and machinery, as defined in Regulation 1533.1(b)(1)(B), must be used exclusively in producing and harvesting agricultural products.

2 If you are purchasing oil, grease, or lubricating or other qualifying fluids, indicate what percentage will be used in farm equipment and machinery performing qualified producing and harvesting activities.

3 If you are not required to hold a seller's permit, please enter "Not Applicable."

Reference: Section 6356.5, Revenue and Taxation Code

Revised Text of Proposed Amendments to

California Code of Regulations, Title 18, Section 1534

Regulation 1534. TIMBER HARVESTING EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY

(a) GENERAL. Commencing on and after September 1, 2001, section 6356.6 of the Revenue and Taxation Code partially exempts from sales and use tax the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state, of off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery, and parts of off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery, that are purchased by a qualified person for use primarily in timber harvesting. The terms "off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery," "parts of off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery," "qualified person," and "commercial timber harvesting operations" are defined below.

For the period commencing on September 1, 2001, and ending on December 31, 2001, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051 and 6201 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (4.75%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on January 1, 2002, and ending on June 30, 2004, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6201, and 6201.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on July 1, 2004, and ending on March 31, 2009, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6051.5, 6201, 6201.3, and 6201.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5.25%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed or administered pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on April 1, 2009, and ending on June 30, 2011~~when sections 6051.7 and 6201.7 of the Revenue and Taxation Code cease to be operative~~, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6051.5, 6051.7, 6201, 6201.3, 6201.5, and 6201.7 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (6.25%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed or administered pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on July 1, 2011, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6051.5, 6201, 6201.3, and 6201.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5.25%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed or administered pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

(b) DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this regulation:

(1) "Commercial timber harvesting operations" means the cutting or removal or both of timber or other solid wood forest products, from timberlands for commercial purposes, together with all the work incidental thereto, including but not limited to, construction and maintenance of roads, fuel breaks, firebreaks, stream crossings, landings, skid trails, beds for the falling of trees, fire hazard abatement, reforestation, and site preparation that involves disturbance of soil or burning of vegetation following timber harvesting activities. Such activities include, but are not limited to, bucking, bunching, chipping, debarking, delimbing, felling, forwarding, loading, piling, skidding, slashing, topping and yarding operations performed on timber. Commercial timber harvesting operations do not include the use of timber in processing activities or other activities resulting in the creation of other commercial wood products for sale to others, including, without limitation, milling, planing, carving, paper manufacturing, the treating of wood with creosote or other preservatives to prevent decay or protect against fire, or the packaging of wood chips for use in preparing food.

(2) "Off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery" means any new or used device, that may be powered by an internal combustion engine, electric motor, or otherwise, that is necessary in complying with any

operational requirements of federal, state, or local government laws and regulations and is designed primarily for use off the highways, to propel, move, draw or cut timber in commercial timber harvesting operations. Such items include, but are not limited to, chainsaws, slashers, debarkers, harvesters, forwarders, feller-bunchers, cable yarding equipment, yarders, loading helicopters, chippers, bulldozers; loading equipment used to lift and move the equipment; graders; water trucks and similar logging road building and maintenance equipment; fuel storage equipment, site preparation equipment; all-terrain vehicles; fire fighting and safety equipment; timber harvest preparation equipment; reforestation tools and equipment; loaders; carriages; skidders; mobile metal spars; delimbers; chokers; steel cables; grapples; front-end loaders, and tractors or rubber tire skidders and other equipment used to fell, delimb, cross-cut, measure, sort, bunch, move and load timber for transport to roadside.

Off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery does not include junction boxes, switches, conduit and wiring, valves, pipes, tubing incorporated into fixed works, buildings, or other structures, whether or not such items are used solely or partially in connection with the operation of equipment and machinery. Off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery also does not include supplies such as articles of clothing, fuels, real property, materials or fixtures within the meaning of subdivisions (a)(4) and (a)(5), respectively, of Regulation 1521, Construction Contractors, including such items set forth in Appendix A and B of Regulation 1521.

(3) "Parts of off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery" means:

(A) All component parts and contrivances include, but are not limited to, belts, shafts, pipes, hoses and moving parts, that are parts of off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery as defined in subdivision (b)(2) that can be separated from the off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery and replaced. Parts of off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery do not include items that are consumed (e.g., burned, evaporate, dissolve, dissipate) through the regular use of the off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery (e.g., gasoline, cleaning agents, solutions, chemicals) which are ordinarily supplies; however, lubricants and fluids not consumed (e.g., engine oil not consumed as part of fuel for a two-stroke engine) is regarded as a component part.

(B) All repair and replacement parts for off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery as defined in subdivision (b)(2) which replace previous parts and can include parts that are identical to the parts they replace as well as parts that are different from the ones they replace, such as replacement parts added for the purpose of improving or modifying the off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery, whether purchased separately or in conjunction with a complete machine and regardless of whether the machine or component parts are assembled by a qualified person or another person. Parts of off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery do not include tangible personal property used in effectuating the repair of any timber harvesting equipment and machinery such as a wrench used to replace a spark plug, except tools used for repair that are designed exclusively for specific off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery.

(C) All equipment or devices used or required to operate, control, regulate, or maintain the machinery including, without limitation, computers, data processing equipment, and computer software, including both operating programs and application programs. Parts of off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery do not include tangible personal property used primarily in the administration, management, or marketing of timber harvesting operations.

(4) "Primarily" means used 50 percent or more of the time. As used herein, the qualified property has to be designed for use 50 percent or more of the time off-road in commercial timber harvesting operations and be used 50 percent or more of the time in timber harvesting.

(5) "Qualified person" means a person engaged in commercial timber harvesting operations. A qualified person is not required to be engaged 50 percent or more of the time in commercial timber harvesting operations.

(6) "Qualified property" means off-road commercial timber harvesting equipment and machinery, and the parts thereof, as defined in subdivisions (b)(2) and (b)(3) used primarily in timber harvesting.

(7) "Timber" means trees of any species maintained for eventual harvest for forest products or other forest purposes, whether planted or of natural growth, standing or down, including Christmas trees, on privately or publicly owned land, but does not mean nursery stock.

(8) "Timberland" means privately or publicly owned land which is devoted to and used for growing or timber harvesting, or for growing and timber harvesting and compatible uses, and which is capable of growing an average annual volume of wood fiber of at least 15 cubic feet per acre.

(c) PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES.

(1) IN GENERAL. Qualified persons who purchase or lease qualified property from an in-state retailer, or an out-of state retailer obligated to collect use tax, must provide the retailer with a partial exemption certificate in order for the retailer to claim the partial exemption. If the retailer takes a partial exemption certificate timely and in good faith, as defined in subdivision (c)(5), from a qualified person, the partial exemption certificate relieves the retailer from the liability for the sales tax subject to exemption under this regulation or the duty of collecting the use tax subject to exemption under this regulation. A partial exemption certificate will be considered timely if it is taken any time before the retailer bills the purchaser for the qualified property, any time within the retailer's normal billing or payment cycle, any time at or prior to delivery of the qualified property to the purchaser, or no later than 15 days after the date of purchase. A partial exemption certificate that is not taken timely will not relieve the retailer of the liability for tax excluded by the partial exemption; however the retailer may present satisfactory evidence to the Board that the retailer sold the specific property to a qualified person and the property was primarily used in a qualifying manner. A partial exemption from the sales and use tax under this part shall not be allowed unless the retailer claims the partial exemption on its sales and use tax return for the reporting period during which the transaction subject to the partial exemption occurred. Where the retailer fails to claim the partial exemption as set forth above, the retailer may file a claim for refund as set forth in subdivision (e).

The partial exemption certificate form set forth in Appendix A may be used to claim the partial exemption.

(2) BLANKET PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES. In lieu of requiring a partial exemption certificate for each transaction, a qualified person may issue a blanket partial exemption certificate. The partial exemption certificate form set forth in Appendix A may be used as a blanket partial exemption certificate. Appendix A may also be used as a specific partial exemption certificate if the purchaser provides the purchase order or sales invoice number and a precise description of the property being purchased. Qualified persons must include in the partial exemption certificate a description of the qualified property. If purchasing tangible personal property not qualifying for the partial exemption, the qualified person must clearly state in documents such as a written purchase order, sales agreement, lease, or contract that the sale or purchase is not subject to the blanket partial exemption certificate.

(3) FORM OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE. Any document, such as a letter or purchase order, timely provided by the purchaser to the seller will be regarded as a partial exemption certificate with respect to the sale or purchase of the property described in the document if it contains all of the following essential elements:

(A) The signature of the purchaser, purchaser's employee, or authorized representative of the purchaser.

(B) The name, address and telephone number of the purchaser.

(C) The number of the seller's permit held by the purchaser. If the purchaser is not required to hold a permit because the purchaser sells only property of a kind the retail sale of which is not taxable, e.g., food products for human consumption, or because the purchaser makes no sales in this state, the purchaser must include on the certificate a sufficient explanation as to the reason the purchaser is not required to hold a California seller's permit in lieu of a seller's permit number.

(D) A statement that the purchaser is engaged in commercial timber harvesting operations, and that the property purchased is primarily designed for off-road use in commercial timber harvesting operations and will be used primarily in timber harvesting.

(E) Description of property purchased.

(F) Date of execution of document.

(4) RETENTION AND AVAILABILITY OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES. A retailer must retain each partial exemption certificate received from a qualified person for a period of not less than four years from the date on which the retailer claims a partial exemption based on the partial exemption certificate.

While the Board will not normally require the filing of the partial exemption certificate with a sales and use tax return, when necessary for the efficient administration of the Sales and Use Tax Law, the Board may on 30 days' written notice, require a retailer to commence filing with its sales and use tax returns copies of all partial exemption certificates. The Board may also require, within 45 days of the Board's request, retailers provide the Board access to any and all partial exemption certificates, or copies thereof, accepted for the purposes of supporting the partial exemption.

(5) GOOD FAITH. A seller will be presumed to have taken a partial exemption certificate in good faith in the absence of evidence to the contrary. A seller, without knowledge to the contrary, may accept a partial exemption certificate in good faith where a qualified person states that he or she is engaged in commercial timber harvesting operations and states that the property purchased is primarily designed for off-road use in commercial timber harvesting operations and will be used primarily in timber harvesting. If the qualified person is buying property of a kind not normally used in timber harvesting, the seller should require a statement as to how the specific property purchased will be used. However, an exemption certificate cannot be accepted in good faith where the seller has knowledge that the property is not subject to a partial exemption, or will not be otherwise used in a partially exempt manner.

(d) PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR USE TAX. The partial exemption certificate must be completed by a qualified person to claim a partial exemption from use tax on purchases of qualified property from an out-of-state retailer not obligated to collect the use tax. A partial exemption from the use tax shall not be allowed unless the purchaser or retailer claims the partial exemption on its individual use tax return, sales and use tax return, or consumer use tax return for the reporting period during which the transaction subject to the partial exemption occurred. Where the purchaser or retailer fails to claim the partial exemption as set forth above, the purchaser or retailer may file a claim for refund as set forth in subdivision (e).

The purchaser who files an individual use tax return must attach a completed partial exemption certificate to the return. The purchaser who is registered with the Board as a retailer or consumer and files a sales and use tax return or consumer use tax return must, within 45 days of the Board's request, provide the Board access to any and all documents that support the claimed partial exemption.

The partial exemption certificate form set forth in Appendix A may be used to claim the partial exemption.

(e) REFUND OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION.

(1) For the period commencing on September 1, 2001, and ending on June 30, 2002, a qualified person may claim the partial exemption on qualified purchases from an in-state retailer or an out-of-state retailer obligated to collect the use tax by furnishing the retailer with a partial exemption certificate on or before September 30, 2002. The retailer must refund the tax or tax reimbursement directly to the purchaser or, at the purchaser's sole option, the purchaser may be credited with such amount.

(2) A retailer who paid sales tax on a qualified sale or a person who paid use tax on a qualified purchase and who failed to claim the partial exemption as provided by this regulation may file a claim for refund equal to the amount of the partial exemption that he or she could have claimed pursuant to this regulation. The procedure for filing a claim shall be the same as for other claims for refund filed pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 6901. For transactions subject to use tax, a qualified person filing a claim for refund of the partial exemption has the burden of establishing that he or she was entitled to claim the partial exemption with respect to the amount of refund claimed under this part. For transactions subject to sales tax, a person filing a claim for refund of the partial exemption has the burden of establishing that the purchaser of the qualified property otherwise met all the requirements of a qualified person at the time of the purchase subject to the refund claimed under this part.

(f) IMPROPER USE OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION.

(1) PROPERTY USED IN A MANNER NOT QUALIFYING FOR THE PARTIAL EXEMPTION. Notwithstanding subdivision (a), tax applies to any sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property that is used in a manner not qualifying for the partial exemption under this regulation.

(2) PURCHASES BY NON-QUALIFIED PERSONS. Notwithstanding subdivision (a), tax applies to any sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property if a purchaser is not a qualified person.

(g) PURCHASER'S LIABILITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SALES TAX.

(1) If a purchaser timely submits a copy of a partial exemption certificate to the retailer or partial exemption certificate for use tax to the Board, and then uses that tangible personal property in a manner not qualifying for the partial exemption, the purchaser shall be liable for payment of the sales tax, with applicable interest, to the same extent as if the purchaser were a retailer making a retail sale of the property at the time the property was so removed, converted, or used.

(2) A purchaser providing a partial exemption certificate accepted in good faith by the retailer or a partial exemption certificate for use tax to the Board for tangible personal property that does not qualify for the partial

exemption is liable for payment of the sales tax, with applicable interest, to the same extent as if the purchaser were a retailer making a retail sale of the property at the time the property was purchased.

(h) LEASES TO QUALIFYING PERSONS.

(1) LEASES—IN GENERAL. Leases of tangible personal property which are classified as "continuing sales" and "continuing purchases" of tangible personal property, in accordance with Regulation 1660, "Leases of Tangible Personal Property – In General," may qualify for the partial exemption subject to all the limitations and conditions set forth in this regulation. This partial exemption may apply to rentals payable paid by a qualified person on or after September 1, 2001 with respect to a lease of qualified property to the qualified person, which qualified property is used primarily in timber harvesting, notwithstanding the fact that the lease was entered into prior to the effective date of this regulation. For purposes of this subdivision, a non-qualified person may purchase property for resale and subsequently lease the property to a qualified person subject to the partial exemption.

(2) LEASES—ACQUISITION SALE AND LEASEBACK. A qualified person will be regarded as having paid sales tax reimbursement or use tax with respect to that qualified person's purchase of property, within the meaning of those words as they are used in section 6010.65 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, if the qualified person has paid all applicable taxes with respect to the acquisition of the property, notwithstanding the fact that the sale and purchase of the property may have been subject to the partial exemption from tax provided by this regulation.

(3) SUBSEQUENT LEASE OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED SUBJECT TO PARTIAL EXEMPTION. If a qualified person has acquired property subject to the partial exemption provided by this regulation and has paid all applicable taxes at that acquisition, the property will be regarded as property as to which sales tax reimbursement or use tax has been paid, and the subsequent lease of that property will not be subject to tax measured by rentals payable.

(I) RECORDS. Adequate and complete records must be maintained by the qualified person as evidence that the qualified property purchased was primarily designed for off-road use in commercial timber harvesting operations and was used by the qualified person primarily in timber harvesting.

(j) OPERATIVE DATE. This regulation is operative as of September 1, 2001.

APPENDIX A

PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE **STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Qualified Sales and Purchases of Timber Harvesting Equipment and Machinery

NOTE: This is an exemption only from the state general fund portion of the sales and use tax rate. You are not relieved from your obligations for the local and district taxes on this transaction. This partial exemption also does not apply to any tax levied pursuant to section 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or pursuant to section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution. This partial exemption also applies to lease payments made on or after September 1, 2001, for tangible personal property even if the lease agreement was entered into prior to September 1, 2001.

SELLER'S/LESSOR'S NAME
SELLER'S/LESSOR'S ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

I, as the undersigned purchaser, hereby certify I am engaged in commercial timber harvesting operations. The property purchased or leased is primarily designed for off-road use in commercial timber harvesting operations and will be used primarily in timber harvesting in accordance with Revenue & Taxation Code section 6356.6.

Type of Timber Harvesting Equipment and Machinery (and the parts[1] thereof)*

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*If you also want this certificate to be used as a blanket certificate for future purchases, describe generally the type of property you will be purchasing and ask your vendor to keep this certificate on file. If this is a specific partial exemption certificate, provide the purchase order or sales invoice number and a precise description of the property being purchased.

I understand that if such property is not used in the manner qualifying for the partial exemption, or if I am not a qualified person, as applicable, that I am required by the Sales and Use Tax Law to report and pay the state tax measured by the sales price/rentals payable of the property to/by me. I also understand that this partial exemption certificate is in effect as of the date shown below and will remain in effect until revoked in writing.

PURCHASER'S NAME OR COMPANY NAME (if applicable)		DATE
SIGNATURE (signature of the purchaser, purchaser's employee, or authorized representative of the purchaser)		PERMIT NUMBER (if applicable)[2]
TITLE		TELEPHONE NUMBER
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE, ZIP

Reference: Section 6356.6, Revenue and Taxation Code.

[1] If you are purchasing oil, grease, or lubricating or other qualifying fluids, indicate what percentage will be used in timber harvesting equipment and machinery performing qualified timber harvesting activities.
[2] If you are not required to hold a seller's permit, please enter "Not Applicable."

Revised Text of Proposed Amendments to

California Code of Regulations, Title 18, Section 1535

Regulation 1535. RACEHORSE BREEDING STOCK.

(a) GENERAL. Commencing on and after September 1, 2001, section 6358.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code partially exempts from sales and use tax the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state, of racehorse breeding stock purchased for use by a qualified person. The terms "racehorse breeding stock" and "qualified person" are defined below.

For the period commencing on September 1, 2001 and ending December 31, 2001, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051 and 6201 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (4.75%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on January 1, 2002, and ending on June 30, 2004, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6201, and 6201.3 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on July 1, 2004, and ending on March 31, 2009, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6051.5, 6201, 6201.3, and 6201.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5.25%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed or administered pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on April 1, 2009, and ending on June 30, 2011~~when sections 6051.7 and 6201.7 of the Revenue and Taxation Code cease to be operative~~, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6051.5, 6051.7, 6201, 6201.3, 6201.5, and 6201.7 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (6.25%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed or administered pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

For the period commencing on July 1, 2011, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by sections 6051, 6051.3, 6051.5, 6201, 6201.3, and 6201.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5.25%), but does not apply to the taxes imposed or administered pursuant to sections 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, the Transactions and Use Tax Law, or section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution.

(b) DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this regulation:

(1) "Qualified person" means a person who purchases racehorse breeding stock solely with the intent and purpose of breeding.

(2) "Qualified property" means racehorse breeding stock, as defined in subdivision (b)(3).

(3) "Racehorse breeding stock" means a live horse that meets all of the following criteria:

(A) Is or will be eligible to participate in a horseracing contest in California wherein pari-mutuel wagering is permitted under rules and regulations prescribed by the California Horse Racing Board.

(B) Is capable of producing foals which will be eligible to participate in a horseracing contest in California wherein pari-mutuel wagering is permitted under rules and regulations prescribed by the California Horse Racing Board.

(C) Is or was registered with an agency recognized by the California Horse Racing Board and such registering agency does not register the horse as ineligible for breeding stock. Agencies currently recognized are

The Jockey Club, The American Quarter Horse Association, The United States Trotting Association, The Appaloosa Horse Club, The Arabian Horse Registry of America, and the American Paint Horse Association.

Racehorse breeding stock does not include any horse over four years old, or five years old in the case of an Arabian horse, that has neither participated in or trained for a horserace contest on which pari-mutuel wagering is permitted, nor been used for breeding purposes in order to produce racehorses.

(4) "Solely" means 100 percent or "only."

(c) PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES.

(1) IN GENERAL. Qualified persons who purchase or lease qualified property from an in-state retailer, or an out-of-state retailer obligated to collect use tax, must provide the retailer with a partial exemption certificate in order for the retailer to claim the partial exemption. If the retailer takes a partial exemption certificate timely and in good faith, as defined in subdivision (c)(5), from a qualified person, the partial exemption certificate relieves the retailer from the liability for the sales tax subject to exemption under this regulation or the duty of collecting the use tax subject to exemption under this regulation. A partial exemption certificate will be considered timely if it is taken any time before the retailer bills the purchaser for the qualified property, any time within the retailer's normal billing or payment cycle, any time at or prior to delivery of the qualified property to the purchaser, or no later than 15 days after the date of purchase. A partial exemption certificate which is not taken timely will not relieve the retailer of the liability for tax excluded by the partial exemption; however the retailer may present satisfactory evidence to the Board that the retailer sold the specific property to a qualified person and the property was used in a qualifying manner. A partial exemption from the sales and use tax under this part shall not be allowed unless the retailer claims the partial exemption on its sales and use tax return for the reporting period during which the transaction subject to the partial exemption occurred. Where the retailer fails to claim the partial exemption as set forth above, the retailer may file a claim for refund as set forth in subdivision (e).

The partial exemption certificate form set forth in Appendix A may be used to claim the partial exemption.

(2) BLANKET PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES. In lieu of requiring a partial exemption certificate for each transaction, a qualified person may issue a blanket partial exemption certificate. The partial exemption certificate form set forth in Appendix A may be used as a blanket partial exemption certificate. Appendix A may also be used as a specific partial exemption certificate if the purchaser provides the purchase order or sales invoice number of the property being purchased. Qualified persons must include in the partial exemption certificate a description of the qualified property. If purchasing tangible personal property not qualifying for the partial exemption, the qualified person must clearly state in documents such as a written purchase order, sales agreement, lease, or contract that the sale or purchase is not subject to the blanket partial exemption certificate.

(3) FORM OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE. Any document, such as a letter or purchase order, timely provided by the purchaser to the seller will be regarded as a partial exemption certificate with respect to the sale or purchase of the property described in the document if it contains all of the following essential elements:

(A) The signature of the purchaser, purchaser's employee, or authorized representative of the purchaser.

(B) The name, address and telephone number of the purchaser.

(C) The number of the seller's permit held by the purchaser. If the purchaser is not required to hold a permit because the purchaser sells only property of a kind the retail sale of which is not taxable, e.g., food products for human consumption, or because the purchaser makes no sales in this state, the purchaser must include on the certificate a sufficient explanation as to the reason the purchaser is not required to hold a California seller's permit in lieu of a seller's permit number.

(D) A statement that the property purchased is capable of reproduction.

(E) A statement that the purchaser will use the property solely for the purpose of breeding.

(F) A description of the property purchased.

(G) Date of execution of the document.

(4) RETENTION AND AVAILABILITY OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES. A retailer must retain each partial exemption certificate received from a qualified person for a period of not less than four years from the date on which the retailer claims a partial exemption based on the partial exemption certificate.

While the Board will not normally require the filing of the partial exemption certificate with a sales and use tax return, when necessary for the efficient administration of the Sales and Use Tax Law, the Board may on 30 days written notice, require a retailer to commence filing with its sales and use tax returns copies of all partial exemption certificates. The Board may also require that, within 45 days of the Board's request, retailers provide the Board access to any and all partial exemption certificates, or copies thereof, accepted for the purposes of supporting the partial exemption.

(5) GOOD FAITH. A seller will be presumed to have taken a partial exemption certificate in good faith in the absence of evidence to the contrary. A seller, without knowledge to the contrary, may accept a partial exemption certificate in good faith where a qualified person states that he or she is purchasing the qualified property solely with the intent and purpose of breeding. If the qualified person is buying a horse of a kind not normally used to breed racehorses, the seller should require a statement as to how the specific property purchased will be used. However, a partial exemption certificate cannot be accepted in good faith where the seller has knowledge that the property is not subject to the partial exemption, or will not be otherwise used in a partially exempt manner.

(d) PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR USE TAX. The partial exemption certificate must be completed by a qualified person to claim a partial exemption from use tax on purchases of qualified property from an out-of-state retailer not obligated to collect the use tax. A partial exemption from the use tax shall not be allowed unless the purchaser or retailer claims the partial exemption on its individual use tax return, sales and use tax return, or consumer use tax return for the reporting period during which the transaction subject to the partial exemption occurred. Where the purchaser or retailer fails to claim the partial exemption as set forth above, the purchaser or retailer may file a claim for refund as set forth in subdivision (e).

The purchaser who files an individual use tax return must attach a completed partial exemption certificate to the return. The purchaser who is registered with the Board as a retailer or consumer and files a sales and use tax return or consumer use tax return must, within 45 days of the Board's request, provide the Board access to any and all documents that support the claimed partial exemption.

The partial exemption certificate form set forth in Appendix A may be used to claim the partial exemption.

(e) REFUND OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION.

(1) For the period commencing on September 1, 2001, and ending on December 31, 2002, a qualified person may claim the partial exemption on qualified purchases from an in-state retailer or an out-of-state retailer obligated to collect the use tax by furnishing the retailer with a partial exemption certificate on or before March 31, 2003. The retailer must refund the tax or tax reimbursement directly to the qualified purchaser of qualified property or, at the purchaser's sole option, the purchaser may be credited with such amount.

(2) A retailer who paid sales tax on a qualified sale or a person who paid use tax on a qualified purchase and who failed to claim the partial exemption as provided by this regulation may file a claim for refund equal to the amount of the partial exemption that he or she could have claimed pursuant to this regulation. The procedure for filing a claim shall be the same as for other claims for refund filed pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 6901. For transactions subject to use tax, a qualified person filing a claim for refund of the partial exemption has the burden of establishing that he or she was entitled to claim the partial exemption with respect to the amount of refund claimed under this part. For transactions subject to sales tax, a person filing a claim for refund of the partial exemption has the burden of establishing that the purchaser of the qualified property otherwise met all the requirements of a qualified person at the time of the purchase subject to the refund claimed under this part.

(f) IMPROPER USE OF PARTIAL EXEMPTION.

(1) PROPERTY USED IN A MANNER NOT QUALIFYING FOR THE PARTIAL EXEMPTION. Notwithstanding subdivision (a), tax applies to any sale of, or the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property that is used in a manner not qualifying for the partial exemption under this regulation.

(2) PURCHASES BY NON-QUALIFIED PERSONS. Notwithstanding subdivision (a), tax applies to any sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property if a purchaser is not a qualified person.

(g) PURCHASER'S LIABILITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAX.

(1) If a purchaser timely submits a copy of a partial exemption certificate to the retailer or partial exemption certificate for use tax to the Board, and then uses that tangible personal property in a manner not qualifying for the partial exemption, the purchaser shall be liable for payment of the tax, with applicable interest, to the same extent as

if the purchaser were a retailer making a retail sale of the property at the time the property was so removed, converted, or used.

(2) A purchaser providing a partial exemption certificate accepted in good faith by the retailer or a partial exemption certificate for use tax to the Board for tangible personal property that does not qualify for the partial exemption is liable for payment of the tax, with applicable interest, to the same extent as if the purchaser were a retailer making a retail sale of the property at the time the property was purchased.

(h) LEASES TO QUALIFYING PERSONS.

(1) LEASES—IN GENERAL. Leases of tangible personal property which are classified as "continuing sales" and "continuing purchases" of tangible personal property, in accordance with Regulation 1660, "Leases of Tangible Personal Property – In General," may qualify for the partial exemption subject to all the limitations and conditions set forth in this regulation. This partial exemption may apply to rentals payable paid by a qualified person on or after September 1, 2001 with respect to a lease of qualified property to the qualified person, which qualified property is used for breeding purposes, notwithstanding the fact that the lease was entered into prior to the effective date of this regulation. For purposes of this subdivision, a non-qualified person may purchase property for resale and subsequently lease the property to a qualified person subject to the partial exemption.

(2) LEASES—ACQUISITION SALE AND LEASEBACK. A qualified person will be regarded as having paid sales tax reimbursement or use tax with respect to that qualified person's purchase of property, within the meaning of those words as they are used in section 6010.65 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, if the qualified person has paid all applicable taxes with respect to the acquisition of the property, notwithstanding the fact that the sale and purchase of the property may have been subject to the partial exemption from tax provided by this regulation.

(3) SUBSEQUENT LEASE OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED SUBJECT TO PARTIAL EXEMPTION. If a qualified person has acquired property subject to the partial exemption provided by this regulation and has paid all applicable taxes at that acquisition, the property will be regarded as property as to which sales tax reimbursement or use tax has been paid, and the subsequent lease of that property will not be subject to tax measured by rentals payable.

(i) RECORDS. Adequate and complete records must be maintained by the qualified person as evidence that the qualified property was capable of reproduction and purchased by the qualified person solely for breeding purposes.

(j) OPERATIVE DATE. This regulation is operative as of September 1, 2001.

Appendix A

PARTIAL EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Qualified Sales and Purchases of Racehorse Breeding Stock

NOTE: This is an exemption only from the state general fund portion of the sales and use tax rate. You are not relieved from your obligations for the local and district taxes on this transaction. This partial exemption also does not apply to any tax levied pursuant to section 6051.2 and 6201.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or pursuant to section 35 of article XIII of the California Constitution. This partial exemption also applies to lease payments made on or after September 1, 2001, for tangible personal property even if the lease agreement was entered into prior to September 1, 2001.

SELLER'S/LESSOR'S NAME

SELLER'S/LESSOR'S ADDRESS *(street, city, state, zip code)*

I, as the undersigned purchaser, hereby certify that I have confirmed the racehorse is capable of reproduction and that I intend to use the racehorse solely for breeding purposes in accordance with Revenue & Taxation Code section 6358.5.

If you also want this certificate to be used as a blanket certificate for future purchases, ask your vendor to keep this certificate on file. If this is a specific partial exemption certificate, provide the purchase order or sales invoice number, below:

I understand that if such property is not used in the manner qualifying for the partial exemption, or if I am not a qualified person, that I am required by the Sales and Use Tax Law to report and pay the state tax measured by the sales price/rentals payable of the property to/by me. I also understand that this partial exemption certificate is in effect as of the date shown below and will remain in effect until revoked in writing.

PURCHASER'S NAME OR COMPANY NAME *(if applicable)*	DATE
SIGNATURE *(signature of the purchaser, purchaser's employee, or authorized representative of the purchaser)*	PERMIT NUMBER *(if applicable)*[1]
TITLE	TELEPHONE NUMBER
ADDRESS *(street, city, state, zip code)*	

[1] If you are not required to hold a seller's permit, please enter "Not applicable."

Reference: Section 6358.5, Revenue and Taxation Code