

Memorandum

To: Ms. Cynthia Bridges
Executive Director, (MIC:73)

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Chief Counsel

Subject: **Board Meeting, September 16-17, 2015**
Item J - Chief Counsel's Rulemaking Calendar
Sales and Use Tax Regulation 1533.1, *Farm Equipment and Machinery*

We request your approval to place proposed changes to Appendix B to Sales and Use Tax Regulation 1533.1, *Farm Equipment and Machinery*, on the Chief Counsel's Rulemaking Calendar for the September 16-17, 2015, Board meeting. The proposed changes update the footnotes to the partial exemption certificate in Appendix B to provide additional notice regarding the regulation's current definition of "farm equipment and machinery" for purpose of claiming the partial sales and use tax exemption for farm equipment and machinery provided by Revenue and Taxation Code section 6356.5.

Currently, Regulation 1533.1, subdivision (b)(1) defines the term "farm equipment and machinery" for purposes of the partial exemption provided by RTC section 6356.5. As relevant here, the last sentence in Regulation 1533.1, subdivision (b)(1)(A) currently provides that farm equipment and machinery "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." Also, the first sentence in Regulation 1533.1, subdivision (b)(1)(B) currently provides that farm equipment and machinery includes "[a]ny 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."

In addition, Regulation 1533.1, subdivision (c) requires a qualified person to provide a retailer with a partial exemption certificate so that the retailer can claim the partial exemption. As relevant here, subdivision (c)(3) permits any document meeting the minimum requirements specified therein to be used as a partial exemption certificate, and Appendix B contains a partial exemption certificate form, which satisfies those requirements, that qualified persons may use, but are not required to use, to claim the partial exemption under subdivisions (c) and (d) of the

regulation. Also, footnotes 1 and 2 to the partial exemption certificate in Appendix B currently provide that:

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."

Board staff is aware that there has been some misunderstanding regarding the application of the partial exemption for farm equipment and machinery to vehicles, primarily pickup trucks and trailers, and general supply items. As a result, some purchasers have given retailers partial exemption certificates for the purchase of vehicles and supply items that do not qualify as "farm equipment and machinery" as currently defined in Regulation 1533.1, subdivision (b)(1). Therefore, staff proposes to add language to footnote 1 to the partial exemption certificate in Appendix B to provide additional notice to purchasers and retailers as follows: "A vehicle whose existing design is primarily for the transportation of persons or property on a highway, such as a pickup truck or trailer, does **NOT** qualify for the partial exemption, unless such vehicle is otherwise specified as an implement of husbandry in some provision of the Vehicle Code, as provided in Regulation 1533.1(b)(1)(B)." Staff also proposes to add the following language to footnote 2 to the partial exemption certificate in Appendix B: "Please note: supply items not used in producing or harvesting agricultural products, such as shop towels, cleaning agents, hand cleansers, and chemicals, do **NOT** qualify for the partial exemption, as provided in Regulation 1533.1(b)(1)(A)." Board staff anticipates that the changes to the partial exemption certificate will help educate purchasers and retailers regarding the current meaning of "farm equipment and machinery" and help reduce the situations where purchasers use partial exemption certificates to try to claim the partial exemption for farm equipment and machinery on the purchase of vehicles and supply items that do not qualify as farm equipment and machinery, as currently defined.

Staff will request the Board's authorization to make the changes to Appendix B to Regulation 1533.1 under California Code of Regulations, title 1, section (Rule) 100, without the normal notice and public hearing process. The changes are appropriate for processing under Rule 100 because they incorporate existing provisions in Regulation 1533.1, subdivision (b)(1), into footnotes 1 and 2 to the partial exemption certificate in Appendix B of the regulation, and do not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription or other regulatory element of any California Code of Regulations provision.

Attached are the current text of Regulation 1533.1 and a ~~strikeout~~ and underlined version of Appendix B to Regulation 1533.1 illustrating the proposed revisions.

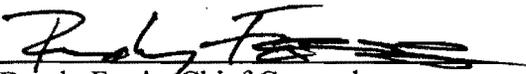
If you have any questions regarding this request, please let me know or contact Mr. Bradley Heller at (916) 323-3091.

Ms. Cynthia Bridges
Executive Director

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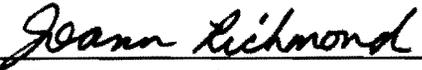
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BOARD APPROVED
At the 9-16-15 Board Meeting


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Attachments: Regulation 1533.1
Proposed Changes to Regulation 1533.1, Appendix B

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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, 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, and ending on December 31, 2012, 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 January 1, 2013, the partial exemption applies to the taxes imposed by section 36 of article XIII of the California Constitution and sections 6051, 6051.3,

6051.5, 6201, 6201.3, and 6201.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code (5.50%), 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.

Note: Authority cited: Section 7051, Revenue and Taxation Code. Reference: Section 6356.5, Revenue and Taxation Code.

Proposed Changes to Regulation 1533.1, 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 2² thereof)* _____

*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

- 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. A vehicle whose existing design is primarily for the transportation of persons or property on a highway, such as a pickup truck or trailer, does NOT qualify for the partial exemption, unless such vehicle is otherwise specified as an implement of husbandry in some provision of the Vehicle Code, as provided in Regulation 1533.1(b)(1)(B).
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- If you are not required to hold a seller's permit, please enter "Not Applicable."