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Division 2.1 State Board of Equalization – Rules for Tax Appeals Chapter 2. Special Taxes and Fees

5216. Filing Petitions for Redetermination.

- (a) A petition or related document may be electronically transmitted (e.g., facsimile, e-mail, etc.) to the Board if an electronic copy of such document is transmitted to the fax number or email address specified in subdivision (b). A petition or related document may also be electronically transmitted to the Board in accordance with instructions provided on the Board's website at www.boe.ca.gov.
- (b) A petition for redetermination and related documents may be hand delivered to the Board's headquarters or mailed to the address provided below:

BOARD PROCEEDINGS DIVISION, MIC:80 STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION P.O. BOX 942879 SACRAMENTO, CA 94279-0080 MEETINGINFO@BOE.CA.GOV APPEALSSCHEDULING@BOE.CA.GOV FAX: (916) 322-2270(916) 324-3984

Note: Authority cited: Section 15606, Government Code; Sections 13170 and 32451, Revenue and Taxation Code. Reference: Sections 12428 and 32301, Revenue and Taxation Code.

5240. Persons Who May File, Contents of, and Manner of Filing Requests for Innocent Spouse Relief.

- (a) Who May Request Relief. A divorced or separated individual may file a request for innocent spouse relief with the Board regarding taxes imposed under the Alcoholic Beverage Tax Law.
- (b) Request Requirements. A request for innocent spouse relief must be:
 - (1) In writing.
 - (2) Signed and dated by the individual requesting relief.
 - (3) Specifically request innocent spouse relief.
 - (4) Identify the tax from which relief is sought.
 - (5) Contain all of the information requested on Form BOE-682-A, including a specific explanation as to why the individual requesting relief believes he or she should not be held responsible for the liability at issue.

- (c) Use of Forms. A request for innocent spouse relief prepared and filed on a completed Form BOE-682-A satisfies the requirements of subdivision (b).
- (d) Limitation Period. A request for innocent spouse relief must be filed with the Board within the applicable time periods provided in California Code of Regulations, title 18, section 4903.
- (e) Filing Requests. A request for innocent spouse relief or related document may be filed electronically under this section if a copy of the document is transmitted to the Board Proceedings Division in accordance with instructions provided on the Board's website at www.boe.ca.gov. Requests for innocent spouse relief may be mailed to the Board Proceedings Division at the following address:

BOARD PROCEEDINGS DIVISION, MIC:80 STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION P.O. BOX 942879 SACRAMENTO, CA 94279-0080 <u>APPEALSSCHEDULING@BOE.CA.GOV</u> FAX: (916) 322-2270(916) 324-3984

A request for innocent spouse relief and related documents may also be hand delivered to the Board's headquarters or submitted to a collector that is already assigned to the account at issue.

Note: Authority cited: Section 15606, Government Code; and Section 32451, Revenue and Taxation Code. Reference: Section 32258, Revenue and Taxation Code.

5262. Requests to Reschedule or Postpone Appeals Conferences.

(a) A request to postpone or reschedule an appeals conference may be submitted to the Board Proceedings Division at the fax number or email address below or in accordance with instructions provided for the return of the Response to Notice of Appeals Conference form or instructions provided on the Board's website at www.boe.ca.gov. Requests to postpone or reschedule an appeals conference may also be hand delivered to the Board's headquarters or mailed to:

BOARD PROCEEDINGS DIVISION, MIC:80 STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION P.O. BOX 942879 SACRAMENTO, CA 94279-0080 <u>APPEALSSCHEDULING@BOE.CA.GOV</u> FAX: (916) 322-2270(916) 324-3984

(b) Rescheduling. An appeals conference will be rescheduled only to a date within 30 days of the previously scheduled conference date, and only for a video or telephone conference or an inperson conference at the Board's headquarters. A party's initial written request to reschedule an appeals conference will be granted. A party's subsequent written request to reschedule an appeals

conference will only be granted if the Chief of Board Proceedings determines that there is reasonable cause.

- (c) Postponement. An appeals conference will not be rescheduled to a date more than 30 days after the previously scheduled conference date, but may, instead, be postponed. When an appeals conference is postponed, the appeal is placed back into the inventory of unassigned cases and reassigned to a conference holder at a later date. When that appeal is thereafter scheduled for an appeals conference, the Board Proceedings Division will notify the taxpayer as specified in section 5261. If a party files a written request for a postponement of an appeals conference by the return date specified in the Response to Notice of Appeals Conference form, the request will be granted if the Chief of Board Proceedings determines that there is reasonable cause. If a party requests a postponement of the appeals conference after the return date specified in the Response to Notice of Appeals Conference form, or files a second or subsequent request for a postponement, the request will be granted only if the Chief of Board Proceedings determines that there is reasonable cause and that the postponement will not unduly delay the appeal.
- (d) The Board Proceedings Division may also reschedule or postpone an appeals conference at the request of the Appeals Attorney for reasonable cause, including unavailability of the scheduled conference holder due to illness.

Note: Authority cited: Section 15606, Government Code; and Sections 13170 and 32451, Revenue and Taxation Code. Reference: Sections 12429, 12636, 12637, 12951, 12977, 12978, 12981, 32255, 32256, 32256.5, 32257, 32302, 32312, 32313, 32401, 32402, 32402.1, 32404, 32407 and 32440, Revenue and Taxation Code.

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5570. Filing Documents.

During the Board's consideration of an appeal under this chapter, documents related to the appeal may be filed electronically pursuant to this section if a copy of such correspondence is transmitted to the Board Proceedings Division at the email address or fax number provided below or in accordance with instructions provided on the Board's website at www.boe.ca.gov. Correspondence during the hearing process may also be hand delivered to the Board's headquarters or mailed to the following address:

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Note: Authority cited: Article XIII, Section 11, California Constitution; Sections 15606 and 15640, Government Code; and Sections 251, 1840, 11651, 13170 and 32451, Revenue and Taxation Code. Reference: Article XIII, Section 11, California Constitution; Sections 15606 and 15640, Government Code; and Sections 251, 1840, 11651, 13170 and 32451, Revenue and Taxation Code.