

# **Nebraska Motor Fuels Tax-Filing Reminders**

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Motor Fuels (continued)

#### **Motor Fuels Division**

- Goal administer Motor Fuels Taxes fairly
  - · Level the playing field
- Account Representatives
  - Robin
  - Lindsay
  - Christine
  - Terri
  - Laura
- Auditors
  - Lincoln
  - Omaha
  - North Platte

Motor Fuels

**Cross-matching Challenges** 

- Use of document numbers
  - Bill of lading/manifest preferred
- Timing
- Import/exports
  - Both parties report import (schedule code 3) or both report export (schedule code 7)
  - Neither party reports the export or import

Motor Fuels (continued)

#### **Cross-matching Challenges**

- Incorrect FEIN
  - Licensee FEIN available on Dept. of Revenue website
  - www.Nebraska.gov/revenue/fuels/licenses/
- Schedule Codes 2A and 4
  - Loads of ethanol placed into terminal storage
  - Errors
    - Not reported at all
    - Incorrectly used to show above the rack transfers
    - · Incorrectly used to show the blending of ethanol into gasohol

Motor Fuels (continued)

#### **Diversion - Carriers**

- Diversion = load of fuel delivered to a destination other than what is on the bill of lading
- Diversion is to be obtained before fuel is delivered
- FuelTrac III website: www.fueltrac.us

Motor Fuels (continued)

#### **Other Reminders**

- Fuel sales to state and local governmental entities are not exempt
- Fuel sales to schools (buses) are not exempt
- Biodiesel purchases are reportable
  - · Report untaxed undyed biodiesel receipts as schedule code 2 or schedule code 3
    - Product Code = B00 or 170
  - · If blended with dyed diesel, receive tax credit by entering gallons of biodiesel on blend line
- Racing fuel is exempt if it is:
  - · Leaded and Octane over 105.

#### **Questions?**

- · Questions can be submitted through the Department website
- Contact your Account Representative
- Motor Fuels Division
  - 800-554-3835
  - Lincoln, 402-471-5730



#### **Nebraska Sales and Use Tax**

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# Property Assessment Property

# 2016 Legislation

# 2016 Legislation Sales and Use Tax

- LB 774 Sales and use tax exemptions:
  - Agricultural Societies:
  - Energy source exemption expanded to include aerating grain as processing; and
  - All operative October 1, 2016.

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Sales tax is...

- ... a transactional tax,
- ... based on the transaction, rather than the item sold.

#### A sale is...

- ... the transfer of title or possession of an item, or
- ... providing a service,
- ... for consideration.

For more information, see our guide <u>Nebraska and Local Sales Tax</u> or Reg-0-001 - Nature of Sales Tax.

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Overview of Sales Tax

Overview of Sales Tax (continued)

# A lease or rental of tangible personal property...

- ...is a sale,
- ...a lease or rental is a transfer of control or possession of the property.

Sales tax is due on each lease or rental payment.

For more information, see Reg-1-018 - Rent or Lease of Tangible Personal Property.

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Nebraska Sales Tax (continued)

# Sales Tax is Calculated on Gross Receipts

#### Gross receipts...

...means the total amount of a sale or lease for a consideration.

Sales tax is calculated on the gross receipts of the sales transaction.

For more information, see Reg-1-007 - Gross Receipts Defined.

# **Delivery Location and the Local Sales Tax**

The delivery location determines the Local Sales Tax.

- The delivery location is where the purchaser picks up the item or where he/she takes possession of it.
- The local sales tax rate depends on whether the delivery location is inside or outside city limits.
- When delivery is outside Nebraska, contact the other state.

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**Delivery Location and Tax Rate** 

Overview of Sales Tax (continued)

#### The Bottom Line for Sales Tax

Sellers must collect sales tax or document why they did not.

Collecting, Documenting, and Reporting Sales Tax (continued)

#### **Documenting Exempt Sales**

- <u>Form 13</u>
- Sellers keep completed copies of Form 13.
- A "blanket" form is valid until it is revoked in writing by the purchaser.

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Collecting, Documenting, and Reporting Sales Tax (continued)

#### **Documenting Exempt Sales**

Nebraska Resale Certificate **Form 13**, Section A

- · Purchases for resale
- Items that become a component part of a product to be sold

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#### **Containers**

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#### Collecting, Documenting, and Reporting Sales Tax (continued) Form 13, Section A Nebraska Resale or Exempt Sale Certificate VUE for Sales Tax Exemption Read instructions on reverse side/see note below NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PURCHASE. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PURCHASE. REVENUE Single Purchase Blanket If blanket is checked, this certificate is valid until revoked in writing by the purchaser I hereby certify that the purchase, lease, or rental by the above purchaser is exempt from the Nebraska sales tax for the following reason: Check One ☐ Purchase for Resale (Complete Section A) ☐ Exempt Purchase (Complete Section B) SECTION A - Nebraska Resale Certificate I hereby certify that the purchase, lease, or rental of from the above seller is exempt from the Nebraska sales tax as a purchase for resale, rental, or lease in the normal course of our business, either in the form or condition in which purchased, or as an ingredient or component part of other property to be resold. I further certify that we are engaged in business as a: ☐ Wholesaler ☐ Retailer ☐ Manufacturer ☐ Lesson of Description of Product Sold, Leased, or Rented and hold Nebraska Sales Tax Permit Number For more detailed information, refer to the Form 13 instructions

Other Tax Information – Containers

#### **Containers**

There are two types:

- Returnable
  - Taxable to the person who will place contents into them.
- Nonreturnable
  - Nontaxable when the person will fill the container and sell the contents with the container.

For more information, see <u>Reg-1-043</u> – Containers.

#### **Use Tax**

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Overview of Use Tax

#### What is Use Tax?

- Use tax is due when Nebraska sales tax has not been paid on a taxable item or service purchased for use in Nebraska.
- Sales and use tax are not both due on the same transaction.
- The big difference is who remits the tax -
  - Sales tax is collected and remitted by the seller.
  - Use tax is paid directly to the Department by the purchaser/consumer.

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Overview of Use Tax (continued)

#### Use Tax and Sales Tax Have These Things in Common –

- They are imposed on the same transactions.
- They have the same exemptions.
- They are calculated at the same rate.
  - o Where delivery occurs or
  - o Where first usage in Nebraska takes place.

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Overview of Use Tax (continued)

#### When Use Tax is Due

- Use tax is often due when purchases are made from an out-of-state seller
  - o Internet, catalog, mail order
  - o Magazines and journals by subscription
- Use tax is due when the business withdraws tax-free inventory for business or personal use (including donations)
  - o Auto mechanic
  - o Hair salon

Note: Be sure to maintain good records!

# Repair and Replacement Parts for Ag Equipment

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Repair and Replacement Parts for Ag Equip

- Effective October 1, 2014, all repair and replacement parts are exempt if both criteria are met
  - The property repaired is agricultural machinery and equipment
  - The equipment is used in commercial agriculture
- Farmers or ranchers must issue a Form 13, Section B, Category 2 to exempt these sales.
- Repair labor is sales tax exempt

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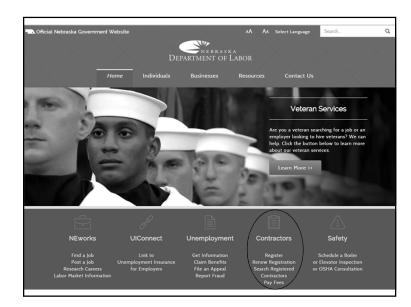
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#### **Contractor Database**

Contractor Database

The Nebraska Contractor Registration Act requires contractors and subcontractors doing business in Nebraska to register with the Nebraska Department of Labor.

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Contractor Transactions (continued)

#### **Contractor's Transactions**

- Retail sales (TPP & taxable services)
  - $\circ \ \text{Building cleaning}$
  - o Taxable at rate in effect where delivery occurs
- Contractor labor (Not taxable)
- Nontaxable services

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Contractor Transactions (continued)

#### **Option 1 Contractor**

- Transactions with the supplier
  - Purchases building materials and fixtures for resale.
  - Must give Nebraska supplier a properly completed Form 13, Section C, Block 1.
- Transactions with the customer
  - Does not collect sales tax on separately stated labor charges.
  - Must collect sales tax on separately stated charges for building materials and fixtures.
  - o If charges for building materials and labor are not separately stated, the entire amount is taxable.

**Contractor Transactions (continued)** 

#### **Option 2 Contractor**

- Transactions with the supplier
  - Pays sales or use tax on purchases of building materials and fixtures.
- · Transactions with the customer
  - Does not collect sales tax on any portion of the invoice. Cannot accept a Form 13.

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#### **Energy Source**

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**Contractor Transactions (continued)** 

#### **Option 3 Contractor**

- Transactions with the supplier
  - Purchases building materials and fixtures tax-free.
  - Must give Nebraska supplier a properly completed <u>Form 13</u>, Section C, Block 1.
- · Transactions with the customer
  - Must remit use tax at the rate in effect at the time and place of withdrawal of building materials and fixtures from inventory.
  - Does not collect sales tax on any portion of the invoice. Cannot accept a Form 13.

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Water and Energy Source Utility Exemption (continued)

#### **Energy Source Utility Exemption**

A qualified energy source is sales tax exempt when more than 50% of the energy is used for:

- Commercial feed grinding;
- Commercial grain drying;
- Farming; or
- Irrigation.

To purchase energy sources sales tax exempt, give a <u>Form 13E</u> to the seller.

Refer to Sales and Use Tax Regulation <u>1-089</u> Energy Source Utility Exemption, for more information.

Water and Energy Source Utility Exemption (continued)

- Example of Qualified Use
   The electricity billed through a single meter at a hog confinement building qualifies (more than 50% rule).
- Example of Nonqualified Use
   The energy used in the farmer/rancher's repair shop is taxable.

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#### **Energy Source Utility Exemption**

The seller is not responsible for collecting sales tax on sales of dyed diesel fuel when delivery takes place by

- Pumping it into a bulk tank equipped with a hose and nozzle:
- Pumping it directly into the fuel tank of an off-road vehicle;
  - Farm tractorBulldozerExcavatorCombineRoad graderBoat
- Pumping it directly into a supply tank that fuels equipment that generates electricity; or
- Pumping it directly into a supply tank that fuels stationary crop irrigation equipment.

Water and Energy Source Utility Exemption (continued)

#### **Taxable Energy Source**

Dyed diesel fuel is subject to sales and use tax when:

- Used in certain equipment
  - o Reefer unit
  - De-watering equipment
  - Diesel powered light tower equipment
  - Diesel powered air compressor

Refer to Sales and Use Tax Regulation <u>1-089</u>-Energy Source Utility Exemption, for more information.

## Food, Food Ingredients, and **Prepared Food**

Food & Food Ingredients

#### **Food & Food Ingredients**

- Food and food ingredients (nontaxable) are:
  - o Substances, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated (any) form;
  - o Ingested or chewed by humans; and
  - Consumed for their taste or nutritional value.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Bottled water
   Eggs
   Meats
- Sugar
- Candy • Flour • Milk
- Vegetables
- FruitSoft drinks Cereals
- Chewing gumIce

For more information, see Reg-1-087.01A - Food and Food Ingredients.

Food & Food Ingredients (continued)

- Meal Substitutes are considered food and are nontaxable.
  - Look for the Nutrition Facts box on the label.



Food & Food Ingredients (continued)

- Alcoholic beverages, dietary supplements, and tobacco are taxable.
  - A dietary supplement is any product required to be labeled as a dietary supplement.
  - Look for a supplemental facts **box** on the label.
    - Certain Energy Drinks
      - Minerals
    - Dietary Substances Herbs
- Vitamins

For more information. see Reg-1-087.01B - Food and Food Ingredients.

Food & Food Ingredients (continued)

- Prepared foods, coin-operated vending machine sales, concessionaire sales, and sales by caterers (all taxable) involve food that is:
  - o Intended for immediate consumption; and
  - o **Ready to be eaten** without further preparation.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Coffee/fountain drinks
- Meals
- Fried or rotisserie chicken
- Sandwiches
- Ice cream cones
- Heated pizza

For more information, see <u>Reg-1-087.03B</u> – Prepared Foods.

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# **Taxable Services**

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#### **Taxable Services**

- Animal specialty services
- · Building cleaning
- · Computer software training
- · Detective services
- Installing/applying tangible personal property
- · Motor vehicle towing, washing/waxing, painting
- Pest control services
- Recreational vehicle (RV) park services
- Security services
- Repair labor (with 5 exceptions)

For a more complete list of taxable and nontaxable services, see the Nebraska and Local Sales Tax Information Guide on our website.

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