Information Notice

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VPT AND MARKETPLACE FACILITATORS

Online marketplace facilitators that make or facilitate the sale of vapour products delivered in Saskatchewan must be licensed for purposes of collecting and remitting Saskatchewan Vapour Products Tax (VPT).

- Marketplace Facilitator means a person:
 - o that makes or facilitates a marketplace for retail sales by marketplace sellers; and,
 - o that, directly or indirectly, collects payment from a consumer or user and remits payment to a marketplace seller; whether or not that person receives consideration in exchange for its services.
- A **Marketplace Seller** means a person that makes retail sales through any physical or electronic marketplace operated, owned or controlled by a marketplace facilitator.

For information regarding products subject to VPT, please refer to Information Bulletin <u>VPT-1</u>, <u>Vapour Products Tax</u>.

Fees Charged to Consumers

Associated or incidental services, such as transaction services, processing services and administration services, associated with VPT taxable goods or services purchased through a marketplace facilitator and delivered into Saskatchewan from outside the province, form part of the total charge to the consumer and are subject to VPT.

Responsibility for Collecting and Remitting VPT

A marketplace seller, who makes retail sales **exclusively** by way of a marketplace facilitator, is not required to be licensed as a vendor to collect and remit Saskatchewan VPT, when the marketplace facilitator is licensed and collecting the tax.

The marketplace facilitator is responsible for the proper collection of VPT, including determining the applicable rate and tax status of goods for sale, and is required to collect and remit VPT on **all** taxable sales made through their platforms, regardless of whether the marketplace seller is licensed as a vendor.

The marketplace seller is responsible for collecting and remitting VPT on sales made through all other channels, including sales made through unregistered marketplace facilitators.

To be relieved of liability regarding the collection of VPT on sales conducted through a registered marketplace, marketplace sellers **must** ensure that:

- the marketplace facilitator holds a valid VPT licence; and,
- the marketplace facilitator is collecting Saskatchewan VPT on sales of taxable goods made through their platform to consumers in Saskatchewan.



Note: In situations where a marketplace seller has consumption tax obligations in relation to Saskatchewan, the marketplace seller is required to be registered to report and remit the applicable tax to the Ministry of Finance.

For information regarding PST responsibilities and tax return filing, please see Information Bulletin PST-5, Registration and Reporting Requirements and Information Notice IN 2020-08, Electronic Distribution, Online Accommodation Platforms and Marketplace Facilitators.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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