

Information Bulletin

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THE PROVINCIAL SALES TAX ACT

HARDWARE AND BUILDING SUPPLY STORES

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A. PRODUCT LIST/TAX STATUS

Absorbent cotton - taxable

Agriculture feeds - exempt

*Air compressors - taxable

Air deodorizers and fresheners- taxable

Ammonia - taxable

Antifreeze - taxable

Appliances and furniture - taxable

Automotive parts - taxable

Baler twine and wire - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

Barbecues, barbecue charcoal, starter fuel – taxable

*Barbed wire – taxable

** Exempt with a Farm Exemption Certificate or Equivalent - refer to [Section C](#).*

Basic groceries - exempt (see Information Bulletin [PST-2, Grocery, Convenience & Drug Stores](#) for list)

Batteries - taxable (hearing aid batteries are **exempt**)

Bedding plants, vegetables - taxable

Belts and buckles - taxable

Bicycles - taxable

Bird gravel - taxable

Bolts - cultivator - exempt, hex and carriage - taxable

Books - paper back, hard cover - exempt

Brooder equipment and room accessories - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

Brooms - taxable

Building materials - taxable

Bulbs - garden, flower - taxable

Buttons and clothing fasteners - taxable

Cages (rabbit, mink, fox and chinchilla) - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

Camera supplies - taxable

Carpets - taxable

Cement, cement mixers - taxable

Chain saws - taxable

Children's clothing, footwear, and party costumes – taxable

Christmas trees - artificial - taxable, natural - taxable

Cleaners - glass, household, oven, rug, upholstery, toilet, window - taxable

Clocks - taxable

Clothing - taxable

Coffee filters - taxable

Dairy thermometers - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

Disinfectants - taxable

Dog chews - rawhide - taxable

Doors - taxable

Drano - taxable

Dust removers - taxable

Electric fences - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

Electric monitors for implements - taxable (exempt when sold to farmer)

*Electric motors - taxable

Electrical appliances – taxable

Electrical supplies - cords, plugs, fuses, light bulbs – taxable

* Exempt with a Farm Exemption Certificate or Equivalent - refer to [Section C](#).

Environmental levies on oil, oil filters, tires, and batteries - exempt

Fabric materials - taxable

Fence pickets purchased by farmers, including wooden posts, pickets or stakes that may be treated to prevent deterioration and which have not been planed, squared or otherwise processed into finished lumber are exempt. Corral slabs for farm fencing are also exempt, **but** not rough cut lumber.

*Fence staples - taxable

Fertilizers - exempt

Film - taxable

Firelogs - Dura Flame, Presto - exempt

Fishing supplies - taxable

Fixtures - household - taxable

Floor coverings - taxable

Flowers - cut, artificial - taxable

Footwear - taxable

Fungicides - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

Furniture polish - taxable

Fuses - taxable

Games - taxable

Garbage bags - taxable

*Garden and lawn tractors and attachments - taxable

Garden tools, equipment, furniture - taxable

Germicides - taxable

Gloves - rubber/disposable, cloth - taxable

Glues - taxable

Grain loss monitors - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

Handbags - taxable

Heating pads - taxable

Herbicides - exempt

High pressure washers - taxable

Hot water bottles and ice bags - taxable

Humidifiers - taxable

Hunting supplies - taxable

Hydraulic fluids and oils - taxable (exempt if installed by the dealer into farm implements)

Implement tires - exempt

Incubators and accessories - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

Insecticides, coils, sprays – taxable

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Insect repellents -taxable
Jars - canning - taxable
Kerosene - taxable
Kitchen ware, utensils - taxable
Kitty litter - taxable
Kleenex – taxable
Labour (see page 5)
Lawn mowers (walk behind) - taxable
*Lawn mowers (riding) - taxable
Licences - fishing and hunting - exempt
Light bulbs - taxable
Lighter fluid - taxable
Lighters - taxable
Livestock medicaments, including sprays for warbles and similar diseases - exempt
Livestock scales, clippers, tags, tattooing tools and ink, magnets, branding irons, tying chains, bull nose rings - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)
Lubricants – taxable
Lumber supplies, including rough cut lumber - taxable
Magazines - exempt
Manure - exempt
Maps - taxable (Atlases are **exempt**)
Matches - exempt
Moisture meters - grain and hay - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)
Mothballs - taxable
Motor oil - taxable (exempt if installed by the dealer in farm implements)
Newspapers - exempt
Notions - taxable
Paper - toilet, towels, wax, napkins - taxable
Paint and paint supplies - taxable
Peat moss - taxable
Peroxide - taxable
Pet food, including vitamins and dietary supplements - taxable
Pet supplies - taxable
Pet toys - taxable
Photo albums – taxable
Pictures, picture frames - taxable

** Exempt with a Farm Exemption Certificate or Equivalent - refer to [Section C](#).*

Pipes, pipe cleaners, pipe filters - taxable

Plants - taxable

Plumbing supplies - taxable

Polish - shoe, floor, furniture, metal, automotive - taxable

*Post hole diggers and drivers - taxable

Potted plants - taxable

Potting soil - exempt

Power generators - taxable

Propane - exempt

Pumps - Calcium chloride pumps - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

- Fuel pumps - taxable

- Portable self-priming large diameter discharge pumps used solely for water drainage purposes and small discharge water pumps used for other than residential purposes - exempt

- Pumps and meters designed for use with herbicides - exempt **but** pumps, meters and repair parts which are interchangeable for use on fuel pumps or meters - taxable

Rebar - taxable

Repair labour (see [Section B](#))

*Roto-tillers - taxable

Roller chain and links - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

Seeds - flower, vegetable, grass, bird, garden - taxable

Shelving - taxable

Shrubs - taxable

Silage bags - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

Snack foods – taxable (see Information Bulletin [PST-2, Grocery, Convenience & Drug Stores](#) for list)

Snowblowers - taxable

Soil testers - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

Sporting goods - taxable

Tarps - general purpose and truck - taxable

- bale tarps - taxable (exempt if specifically designed to cover bales)

Tires - taxable

Thermometers - taxable

Tools (hand and power) - taxable

Trees - artificial - taxable

- natural – taxable

Tropical plants – taxable

* Exempt with a Farm Exemption Certificate or Equivalent - refer to [Section C](#).

Truck boxes and hoists - taxable

*Veterinary instruments, including calf weaners, ear notchers, emasculators, castrators, dehorners, and calf pullers – taxable

Water softener salt - taxable

Water tanks - taxable (exempt when sold to a farmer)

Waxes and conditioners for floors and furniture - taxable

Weed control chemicals – exempt

*Welding machines and welders including tips and welding accessories when purchased with a welding machine or welder - taxable

Welding accessories - taxable

*Welding rods - taxable

Windows – taxable

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B. REPAIR LABOUR

Please see Information Bulletin [PST-57, Repair and Installation Services](#).

C. FARM EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES OR EQUIVALENT

For items which indicate a farm exemption or equivalent required, the business must:

- (i) complete a *Farm Exemption Certificate* and keep it on file; or
- (ii) print, type, write or apply by rubber stamp, on the sales invoice or other document supporting the sale, the following information:

Land Description Sec ____ Twsp ____ R ____ M ____.

I hereby certify the goods listed on this invoice will be used solely in the operation of my farm.

Date

Signature of Farmer

Completed *Farm Exemption Certificates* must be retained by the business for a minimum of three years and should not be forwarded to the Revenue Division.

D. EXEMPTIONS FOR FARMERS

Parts which are designated as farm implement and farm machinery replacement parts by the manufacturer or wholesale distributor are exempt from the tax when sold over the counter or installed by the dealer. The labour to install the parts is exempt from tax.

Parts which are interchangeable for use in motor vehicles and the labour to install the parts in farm implements or farm machinery by the dealer are exempt from tax **but not** parts which are interchangeable for use in motor vehicles and sold over the counter. If the parts are taxable so are the labour charges.

For further information, please see Information Bulletin [PST-16, Farm Implements and Supplies](#).

E. OTHER EXEMPT SALES

Hardware and building stores are not required to collect the tax on the following sales:

- Goods sold to other businesses for resale (the purchaser's PST vendor's licence number must be recorded on the sales invoice).
- Goods sold to residents of other provinces when the goods are shipped out of Saskatchewan by the retailer (evidence of shipment must be retained).
- Goods sold to the federal government.
- Sales to Indians are not subject to tax upon presentation of a *Certificate of Indian Status identification Card* issued under the *Indian Act*, providing the goods are delivered by the retailer to a reserve. The complete 10-digit card number must be recorded on the sales invoice. If the federal identification card number is only three to five digits, record the number and the name of the Band on the sales invoice.

F. READY-TO-MOVE HOMES

Please see Information Bulletin [PST-11, Mobile, Modular and Ready-to-Move Homes](#).

G. SUPPLY AND INSTALL CONTRACTS

Please see Information Bulletin [PST-12, Services to Real Property](#).

H. SALES OF USED BUSINESS ASSETS

Businesses are required to collect tax on the sale of used assets, such as vehicles and equipment. When used assets are being sold as part of the closure of a business, the purchaser is required to self-assess and report the tax.

When individuals purchase used goods for personal use, other than vehicles, tax applies to the selling price of the goods less a deduction of \$300 per item. If a trade-in is involved, the purchaser is entitled to a deduction of \$300 or the value of the trade-in, whichever is greater.

If the goods are for commercial use, the \$300 deduction does not apply.

For further information please see Information Bulletin, [PST-58, Used Goods](#).

I. GOODS AND SERVICES FOR YOUR OWN USE

Businesses are required to pay tax on purchases of new and used equipment, supplies and taxable services purchased for use in their business operations. Tax is payable as follows:

- When purchased from a licensed supplier, the tax must be paid to the supplier at the time of purchase.
- When purchased from a supplier who did not collect the tax, or when taken from an exempt resale inventory, the tax must be self-assessed and remitted with the regular tax return. This includes goods taken for personal or business use.
- When purchased from an unlicensed supplier located outside Saskatchewan, the tax must be self-assessed and remitted with the regular tax return on the laid down cost, which includes currency exchange, transportation charges, customs and excise duties, and importation charges; but not the GST.

J. SASKATCHEWAN eTAX SERVICES (SETS)

Finance has made it possible to report and remit tax electronically through a secure, fast, easy and convenient online self-service portal. Several services are currently available to businesses through SETS (sets.saskatchewan.ca):

- Register for secure, self-managed access to all your tax accounts.
- Apply for a new tax account.
- File and pay returns and amend previously filed returns.
- Make payments on account, including post-dated payments.
- View account balance and statement information.
- Authorize employees or accountants to file on your behalf.
- Receive notifications by email when a tax return should be filed. This replaces the paper forms usually sent in the mail.
- Submit a service request to update the mailing address or add a new business location.
- Submit a service request to receive tax information, interpretations or rulings related to your specific business activities.
- View and download up-to-date tax information promptly.
- Subscribe to receive email notifications when new and revised tax publications are available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Regina 306-787-6645

Email: sasktaxinfo@gov.sk.ca

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