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THE PROVINCIAL SALES TAX ACT

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INFORMATION FOR VETERINARIANS AND VETERINARY SUPPLY FIRMS

This bulletin has been prepared to help you apply and collect the Provincial Sales Tax. It is a general guide and not a substitute for the legislation.

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A. DEFINITION OF VETERINARY SERVICES

Taxable "veterinary services" means those services provided by a person who is registered to practice veterinary medicine pursuant to The Veterinarians Act, 1987. This includes services that are provided by any assistants or other support staff who provide those services under the supervision, authority or direction of a veterinarian.

Excluded from the definition of taxable veterinary services are any services provided with respect to commercial livestock or by a person who provides services to that person's employer in the course of employment.

"Commercial livestock" means an animal raised in a primary farming operation that is intended to be sold for food, as pet stock, for racing or for the sale of products produced by the animal. This includes horses owned by farmers.

B. VETERINARY SERVICES, VETERINARY DRUGS AND MEDICINES, AND PET FOOD

Fees charged by a veterinarian for veterinary services, drugs and medicines, and pet food, including vitamins and dietary supplements, are subject to tax. Taxable fees include professional fees, service calls, procedural charges, diagnostic fees and hospitalization charges.

Fees charged for veterinary services, feed and drugs and medicines administered to commercial livestock are exempt. Drugs and medicines purchased by a farmer for commercial livestock are exempt from tax, providing the farmer provides a land location and certifies that the medicines are being purchased for use in a primary farming activity.

C. CONSUMABLES AND ITEMS SOLD AS PART OF A VETERINARY SERVICE

The application of tax to purchases made by a veterinarian depends on whether the veterinarian is considered to be the consumer of the product. Consumable products represent goods used in the business that are not listed on the customer's invoice as a separate sales item. These typically include cast materials, syringes, bandages, gauze, sutures, disinfectants, drugs and anaesthetics. As the consumer, the veterinarian is required to pay tax on the cost of these goods.

The veterinarian is not required to pay tax on the cost of goods that are purchased for resale. Resale products represent goods that are itemized on the customer invoice and where tax is collected on the selling price. These typically include splints, prosthetics, orthopaedic appliances, pacemakers, artificial eyes and intraocular lenses. Resale products may also include anaesthetics and drugs administered by the veterinarian, providing they are listed as a sales item on the customer invoice and tax collected. Items for resale may be purchased exempt by quoting the vendor's licence number to the supplier.

NOTE: There is no medical exemption allowed on prosthetics, orthopaedic appliances, pacemakers, or other similar devices sold for animal use.

D. TAXABLE SALES

The following items are subject to tax in all instances:

- Absorbent cotton
- Bandages, dressings, drapes and tape
- Biologics (exempt when sold to farmers)
- Blankets
- Cast materials
- Collars and leashes for pets, including flea collars
- Combs and brushes
- Disinfectants and germicidals, including iodine
- High pressure washers
- Hoof nippers, trimmers and rasps
- Household insecticides
- Knives
- Lariat ropes

- Liniments
- Needles and syringes
- Nitrogen tanks
- Ointments and salves
- Pet food and vitamins
- Rawhide dog chews
- Rodenticides
- Rubbing alcohol
- Saddle soap
- Shampoos
- Silver nitrate sticks
- Soap, including medicated
- Sterilized gauze
- Sutures
- Veterinary drugs, medicines and biologics, except when sold to farmers for livestock (Farm Exemption Certificate or equivalent required)
- Vitamin and dietary supplements, except when sold to farmers for livestock (Farm Exemption Certificate or equivalent required)
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E. **EXEMPT SALES**

The following are exempt when sold to a farmer **for farm use only**:

- Artificial insemination equipment
- Branding irons and branding fluids
- Bull and hog rings and leads
- Bull semen
- Cattle oilers, cattle chutes, squeezes and head gates
- Cow anti-kick, hobbles, lifters and mats
- Cow or sheep bells
- Cow trainers
- Dairy and poultry thermometers
- Dehorning paste
- Ear tags and other livestock identification tags
- Forceps and scalpels
- Harnesses, halters, bridles, bits, tying chains, saddles, saddle pads, breast collars and horse shoes
- Intravenous equipment and supplies
- Livestock clippers and shears
- Livestock feed and salt
- Livestock insecticides, including flea and louse powder, and applicators
- Livestock magnets
- Livestock drugs and medicines, vitamins and dietary supplements (Farm Exemption Certificate or equivalent required. No certificate required when administered by a veterinarian.)
- Livestock scales

- Sheep branding paint
- Specialized detergents, cleaners and sanitizing solutions used in dairy farming (Farm Exemption Certificate or equivalent required)
- Stock prods
- Tattooing tools and ink
- Teat dilators
- Udder supports
- Veterinary instruments including calf weaners, emasculators, ear notchers and pliers, castrators, calf pullers, dehorners and bloat trochars
- Veterinary manuals (exempt to all purchasers)

F. SALES TO STATUS INDIANS

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 or the taxable services are provided on a reserve. The complete 10 digit card number must be recorded on the invoice. If the federal identification card number is only 3 to 5 digits, record the number and the name of the Band on the sales invoice.

G. GOODS AND SERVICES SOLD TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND CROWN CORPORATIONS

Goods and services sold to federal government departments or agencies are not subject to tax. Goods and services sold to federal Crown corporations, provincial government departments or agencies or to provincial Crown corporations are subject to tax.

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.

I. SASKATCHEWAN ELECTRONIC TAX SERVICE (SETS)

Saskatchewan Finance has made it possible to report and remit tax electronically through the use of a standard Internet connection. SETS offers a secure, fast, easy and convenient alternative to filing returns in paper format. Several E-File services are currently available through SETS.

Businesses may use SETS to file and pay returns for Provincial Sales Tax and other provincial taxes.

SETS allows businesses to:

- File and pay returns or make payments on account.
- File a return and post-date the payment to the due date.
- View account balance and statement information.
- Authorize your accountant to file on your behalf.
- Subscribe to an E-mail Notification Service that allows the option to be notified by e-mail that a tax return should be filed (replaces the paper forms normally received in the mail).

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Internet: Provincial Sales Tax bulletins, forms and information are available on the Internet at:

<http://www.gov.sk.ca/finance/revenue/pst/pst.htm>

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