

**TITLE 86: REVENUE**  
**CHAPTER I: DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

**PART 130**  
**RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX**

**Section 130.120 Nontaxable Transactions**

The tax does not apply to receipts from sales:

- a) of intangible personal property, such as shares of stocks, bonds, evidences of interest in property, corporate or other franchises and evidences of debt;
- b) of real property, such as lands and buildings that are permanently attached to the land;
- c) of tangible personal property for purposes of resale in any form as tangible personal property, provided that the purchaser (except in the case of an out-of-State purchaser who will always resell and deliver the property to his customers outside Illinois) has an active registration number or active resale number from the Department and gives the number to the vendor in connection with certifying to the vendor that the sale to the purchaser is nontaxable on the ground of being a sale for resale (see Subparts B and N of this Part);
- d) of personal services, where rendered as such (see various rules relating to particular service occupations); however, for information concerning the tax on persons engaged in the business of making sales of service, see the Regulations pertaining to the Service Occupation Tax Act (86 Ill. Adm. Code 140);
- e) that are within the protection of the Commerce Clause of the Constitution of the United States (see Subpart F of this Part);
- f) that are isolated or occasional (see Section 130.110 of this Subpart);
- g) of newspapers and magazines (see Section 130.2105 of this Part);
- h) that are made to any corporation, society, association, foundation or institution organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious or educational purposes, or any not-for-profit corporation, society, association, foundation, institution or organization that has no compensated officers or employees and that is organized and operated primarily for the recreation of persons 55 years of age or older. A limited liability company may qualify for the exemption under this subsection only if the limited liability company is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes (see Section 130.2005 of this Part);

- i) that are made to any governmental body (see Section 130.2080 of this Part);
- j) through June 30, 2003, of pollution control facilities (see Section 130.335 of this Part);
- k) *of fuel consumed or used in the operation of ships, barges or vessels that are used primarily in or for the transportation of property or the conveyance of persons for hire on rivers bordering on this State if the fuel is delivered by the seller to the purchaser's barge, ship or vessel while it is afloat upon that bordering river [35 ILCS 120/2-5(24)]* (see Section 130.315 of this Part);
- l) of tangible personal property to interstate carriers for hire for use as rolling stock moving in interstate commerce (see Section 130.340 of this Part);
- m) except as otherwise provided in Section 130.605(b)(1)(C, of a motor vehicle in this State to a nonresident even though the motor vehicle is delivered to the nonresident in this State, if the motor vehicle is not to be titled in this State, and if a drive-away permit is issued to the motor vehicle as provided in Section 3-603 of the Illinois Vehicle Code [625 ILCS 5/3-603], or if the nonresident purchaser has vehicle registration plates to transfer to the motor vehicle upon returning to his home state (see Section 130.605);
- n) until December 31, 2001, of merchandise in bulk when sold from a vending machine for 1¢; on and after January 1, 2002, the exemption applies to merchandise in bulk when sold from a vending machine for 50¢ or less (see 35 ILCS 120/1 and Section 130.2135 of this Part);
- o) of food and beverages by a person who is the recipient of a grant or contract under Title VII of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 USC 3021) and serves meals to participants in the Federal Nutrition Program for the Elderly in return for contributions established in amount by the individual participant pursuant to a schedule of suggested fees as provided for in the Federal Act;
- p) of farm chemicals (see Section 130.1955 of this Part);
- q) of manufacturing machinery and equipment that qualifies for exemption under provisions of Section 130.330 of this Part;
- r) of services included in gross receipts for purposes of the Retailers' Occupation Tax and that are designated mandatory service charges by vendors of meals to the extent that the proceeds of the service charge are in fact turned over to the employees who would normally have received tips had the service charge policy not been introduced. Service charges that are used to fund or pay wages, labor costs, employee benefits or employer costs of doing business are taxable gross receipts;
- s) *of any petroleum product, if the seller is prohibited by federal law from charging tax to the purchaser [35 ILCS 120/2-5(16)].*
  - 1) For example, federal law prohibits sellers from charging tax to Amtrak when it purchases petroleum products. However, federal law does not relieve the seller of Retailers' Occupation Tax liability in these transactions. For that reason, the exemption set out in this subsection is necessary to relieve the seller of

Retailers' Occupation Tax liability when making sales of petroleum products to Amtrak.

- 2) The nontaxable transaction set out above is also applicable to local Retailers' Occupation Taxes imposed by municipalities, counties, the Regional Transportation Authority and Metro East Mass Transit District;
- t) *of farm machinery and equipment, both new and used including that manufactured on special order, certified by the purchaser to be used primarily for production agriculture, or state or federal agricultural programs, including individual replacement parts for the machinery and equipment and including machinery and equipment purchased for lease [35 ILCS 120/2-5(2)] (see Section 130.305);*
- u) *through June 30, 2003, of distillation machinery and equipment, sold as a unit or kit, certified by the user to be used only for the production of ethyl alcohol that will be used for consumption as a motor fuel or as a component of motor fuel for personal use of the user and not subject to sale or resale [35 ILCS 120/2-5(3)];*
- v) *through June 30, 2003, and beginning again on September 1, 2004 through July 29, 2009, of graphic arts machinery and equipment, including repair and replacement parts [35 ILCS 120/2-5(4)] (see Section 130.325);*
- w) *through August 31, 2007, and beginning again on January 11, 2008, a motor vehicle of the first division, a motor vehicle of the second division that is a self-contained motor vehicle designed or permanently converted to provide living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use, with direct walk through access to the living quarters from the driver's seat, or a motor vehicle of the second division that is of the van configuration designed for the transportation of not less than 7 nor more than 16passengers, as defined in Section 1-146 of the Illinois Vehicle Code that is used for automobile renting as defined in the Automobile Renting Occupation and Use Tax Act [35 ILCS 120/2-5(5)];*
- x) *of personal property sold by a teacher-sponsored student organization affiliated with an elementary or secondary school located in Illinois [35 ILCS 120/2-5(6)] (see Section 130.2006);*
- y) *through June 30, 2003, of that portion of the selling price of a passenger car, the sale of which is subject to the replacement vehicle tax of the Illinois Vehicle Code [625 ILCS 5/3-2001] [35 ILCS 120/2-5(7)];*
- z) *of personal property sold to an Illinois county fair association for use in conducting, operating or promoting the county fair [35 ILCS 120/2-5(8)];*
- aa) *of personal property sold to any not-for-profit arts or cultural organization that establishes that it has received an exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 USCA 501) and that is organized and operated for the presentation or support of arts or cultural programming, activities, or services. On and after July 1, 2001, the qualifying organizations listed in this subsection (aa) must also be organized and operated primarily for the presentation or support of arts or cultural programming, activities, or services. These organizations include, but are not limited to, music and dramatic arts organizations such as symphony orchestras and theatrical groups, arts and cultural service organizations, local arts councils, visual arts organizations, and media arts organizations [35 ILCS 120/2-5(9)] (see Section 130.2004 of this Part);*

- bb) *of personal property sold by a corporation, society, association, foundation, institution or organization that is organized and operated as a not-for-profit service enterprise for the benefit of persons 65 years of age or older if the personal property was not purchased by the enterprise for the purpose of resale by the enterprise [35 ILCS 120/2-5(10)] (see Section 130.2008);*
- cc) *of legal tender, currency, medallions, or gold or silver coinage issued by the State of Illinois, the government of the United States of America or the government of any foreign country and bullion [35 ILCS 120/2-5(11)], unless the items are transferred as jewelry and therefore subject to tax;*
- dd) *through June 30, 2003, of oil field exploration, drilling and production equipment [35 ILCS 120/2-5(19)] (see Section 130.345);*
- ee) *of photoprocessing machinery and equipment, including repair and replacement parts [35 ILCS 120/2-5(20)] (see Section 130.2000);*
- ff) *through June 30, 2003, of coal exploration, mining, off highway hauling, processing, maintenance and reclamation equipment, including replacement parts and equipment [35 ILCS 120/2-5(21)] (see Section 130.350);*
- gg) *of fuel and petroleum products sold to or used by an air common carrier, certified by the carrier to be used for consumption, shipment or storage in the conduct of its business as an air common carrier, for a flight destined for or returning from a location or locations outside the United States without regard to previous or subsequent domestic stopovers [35 ILCS 120/2-5(22)] (see Section 130.321);*
- hh) *of semen used for artificial insemination of livestock for direct agricultural production. [35 ILCS 120/2-5(26)] Exemption certifications must be executed by the purchaser. The certificate must include the seller's name and address, the purchaser's name and address, the purchaser's registration number with the Department, the purchaser's signature and date of signing and a statement that the semen purchased will be used for artificial insemination of livestock for direct agricultural production. The certificates shall be retained by the retailer and shall be made available to the Department for inspection or audit;*
- ii) *beginning with taxable years ending on or after December 31, 1995 and ending with taxable years ending on or before December 31, 2004, of personal property that is donated for disaster relief to be used in a State or federally declared disaster area in Illinois or bordering Illinois by a manufacturer or retailer that is registered in this State to a corporation, society, association, foundation, or institution that has been issued a sales tax exemption identification number by the Department that assists victims of the disaster who reside within the declared disaster area. [35 ILCS 120/2-5(30)] Exemption certifications must be executed by the purchaser. The certificate must include the seller's name and address, the purchaser's name and address, the purchaser's registration number with the Department, if applicable, the purchaser's signature and the date of signing, a description of the items being purchased for donation, a statement that the property purchased will be donated for disaster relief to be used in a State or federally declared disaster area in Illinois or bordering Illinois to a corporation, society, association, foundation, or institution that has been issued a sales tax exemption identification number by the Department that assists victims of the disaster who reside*

within the declared disaster area, and that entity's sales tax exemption identification number. The certificates shall be retained by the retailer and shall be made available to the Department for inspection or audit;

- jj) *beginning with taxable years ending on or after December 31, 1995 and ending with taxable years ending on or before December 31, 2004, of personal property that is used in the performance of infrastructure repairs in this State, including but not limited to municipal roads and streets, access roads, bridges, sidewalks, waste disposal systems, water and sewer line extensions, water distribution and purification facilities, storm water drainage and retention facilities, and sewage treatment facilities, resulting from a State or federally declared disaster in Illinois or bordering Illinois when such repairs are initiated on facilities located in the declared disaster area within 6 months after the disaster. [35 ILCS 120/2-5(31)] Exemption certifications must be executed by the purchaser. The certificate must include the seller's name and address, the purchaser's name and address, the purchaser's registration number with the Department, if applicable, the purchaser's signature and date of signing, a description of the items being purchased, and a statement that the property purchased is for use in the performance of infrastructure repairs initiated on facilities located in the declared disaster area within six months after the disaster in this State resulting from a State or federally declared disaster area in Illinois or bordering Illinois. The certificates shall be retained by the retailer and shall be made available to the Department for inspection or audit;*
- kk) *of a transaction in which the purchase order is received by a florist who is located outside Illinois, but who has a florist located in Illinois deliver the property to the purchaser or the purchaser's donee in Illinois [35 ILCS 120/2-5(23)];*
- ll) *of horses, or interests in horses, registered with and meeting the requirements of any of the Arabian Horse Club Registry of America, Appaloosa Horse Club, American Quarter Horse Association, United States Trotting Association, or Jockey Club, as appropriate, used for purposes of breeding or racing for prizes. This exemption applies for all periods beginning May 30, 1995, but no claim for credit or refund is allowed on or after January 1, 2008 for taxes paid during the period beginning May 30, 2000 and ending January 1, 2008 [35 ILCS 120/2-5(27)];*
- mm) *effective January 1, 1996 through December 31, 2000, and on and after August 2, 2001, of computers and communications equipment utilized for any hospital purpose and equipment used in the diagnosis, analysis or treatment of hospital patients sold to a lessor who leases the equipment, under a lease of one year or longer executed or in effect at the time of the purchase, to a hospital that has been issued an active tax exemption identification number by the Department under Section 1g of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act [35 ILCS 120/2-5(28)] (see Section 130.2011 of this Part);*
- nn) *effective January 1, 1996 through December 31, 2000, and on and after August 2, 2001, of personal property sold to a lessor who leases the property, under a lease of one year or longer executed or in effect at the time of the purchase, to a governmental body that has been issued an active tax exemption identification number by the Department under Section 1g of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act [35 ILCS 120/2-5(29)] (see Section 130.2012 of this Part);*
- oo) *of tangible personal property sold to a common carrier by rail or motor that receives the physical possession of the property in Illinois and that transports the property, or shares*

*with another common carrier in the transportation of the property, out of Illinois on a standard uniform bill of lading showing the seller of the property as the shipper or consignor of the property to a destination outside Illinois, for use outside Illinois [35 ILCS 120/2-5(17)];*

- pp) *through June 30, 2003, of aggregate exploration, mining, off highway hauling, processing, maintenance, and reclamation equipment, including replacement parts and equipment, and including equipment purchased for lease, but excluding motor vehicles required to be registered under the Illinois Vehicle Code [35 ILCS 120/7];*
- qq) beginning July 20, 1999, game or game birds purchased at:
  - 1) a game breeding and hunting preserve area licensed by the Department of Natural Resources (see Section 3.27 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/3.27]);
  - 2) an exotic game hunting area licensed by the Department of Natural Resources (see Section 3.34 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/3.34]); or
  - 3) a hunting enclosure approved through rules adopted by the Department of Natural Resources;
- rr) *beginning January 1, 2000, personal property, including food, purchased through fundraising events for the benefit of a public or private elementary or secondary school, a group of those schools, or one or more school districts if the events are sponsored by an entity recognized by the school district that consists primarily of volunteers and includes parents and teachers of the school children. This subsection (rr) does not apply to fundraising events:*
  - 1) *for the benefit of private home instruction; or*
  - 2) *for which the fundraising entity purchases the personal property sold at the events from another individual or entity that sold the property for the purpose of resale by the fundraising entity and that profits from the sale to the fundraising entity [35 ILCS 120/2-5(34)];*
- ss) *of machinery or equipment used in the operation of a high impact service facility located within an enterprise zone established pursuant to the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. "High impact service facility" means a facility used primarily for the sorting, handling and redistribution of mail, freight, cargo, or other parcels received from agents or employees of the handler or shipper for processing at a common location and redistribution to other employees or agents for delivery to an ultimate destination on an item-by-item basis, and which:*
  - 1) *will make an investment in a business enterprise project of \$100,000,000 or more;*
  - 2) *will cause the creation of at least 750 to 1,000 jobs or more in an enterprise zone established pursuant to the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act; and*
  - 3) *is certified by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity as contractually obligated to meet the requirements specified in subsection (11)(1) and (2) within the time period as specified by the certification. The certificate of*

*eligibility for exemption shall be presented by the business enterprise to its supplier when making the initial purchase of machinery and equipment for which an exemption is granted by Section 1j of the Act, together with a certification by the business enterprise that such machinery and equipment is exempt from taxation under Section 1j of the Act and by indicating the exempt status of each subsequent purchase on the face of the purchase order [35 ILCS 120/1i];*

- tt) *through December 31, 2002, of jet fuel and petroleum products sold to and used in the conduct of its business of sorting, handling and redistribution of mail, freight, cargo or other parcels in the operation of a high impact service facility located within an enterprise zone established pursuant to the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, provided that the business enterprise has waived its right to a tax exemption of the charges imposed under Section 9-222.1 of the Public Utilities Act [35 ILCS 120/1j.1]. High impact service facilities qualifying under the Act and seeking the exemption under Section 1j.1 shall be ineligible for the exemptions of taxes imposed under Section 9-222.1 of the Public Utilities Act. High impact service facilities qualifying under the Act and seeking the exemption under Section 9-222.1 of the Public Utilities Act shall be ineligible for the exemptions of taxes as described in Section 1j.1 of the Act. [35 ILCS 120/1j.2] The certification of eligibility for exemption shall be presented by the business enterprise to its supplier when making the purchase of jet fuel and petroleum products for which an exemption is granted by Section 1j.1 of the Act, together with a certification by the business enterprise that such jet fuel and petroleum product is exempt from taxation under Section 1j.1 of the Act, and by indicating the exempt status of each subsequent purchase on the face of the purchase order [35 ILCS 120/1i];*
- uu) *through August 20, 2004, of a motor vehicle, as that term is defined in Section 1-146 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, that is donated to a corporation, limited liability company, society, association, foundation, or institution that is determined by the Department to be organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes. For purposes of this exemption, “a corporation, limited liability company, society, association, foundation, or institution organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes” means all tax-supported public schools, private schools that offer systematic instruction in useful branches of learning by methods common to public schools and that compare favorably in their scope and intensity with the course of study presented in tax-supported schools, and vocational or technical schools or institutes organized and operated exclusively to provide a course of study of not less than 6 weeks duration and designed to prepare individuals to follow a trade or to pursue a manual, technical, mechanical, industrial, business, or commercial occupation. [35 ILCS 120/2-5(33)] Exemption certifications must be executed by the purchaser. The certificate must include: the seller’s name and address; the purchaser’s name and address; the purchaser’s registration number with the Department, if applicable; the purchaser’s signature and date of signing; a description of the motor vehicle that is being purchased for immediate donation to a corporation, limited liability company, society, association, foundation, or institution that is determined by the Department to be organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes (see Section 130.2005); the donee’s sales tax exemption identification number; and a statement that the motor vehicle is being purchased for immediate donation to a corporation, limited liability company, society, association, foundation, or institution that is determined by the Department to be organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes. The certificates shall be retained by the retailer and shall be made available to the Department for inspection or audit;*

- vv) *beginning August 23, 2001 and through June 30, 2011, of food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption) and prescription and nonprescription medicines, drugs, medical appliances, and insulin, urine testing materials, syringes, and needles used by diabetics, for human use, when purchased for use by a person receiving medical assistance under Article 5 of the Illinois Public Aid Code who resides in a licensed long-term care facility, as defined in the Nursing Home Care Act [35 ILCS 120/2-5 (35-5)];*
- ww) *beginning January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001, of new or used automatic vending machines that prepare and serve hot food and beverages, including coffee, soup, and other items, and replacement parts for these machines. Beginning January 1, 2002 and through June 30, 2003, of machines and parts for machines used in commercial, coin-operated amusement and vending business if a use or occupation tax is paid on the gross receipts from the use of the commercial, coin-operated amusement and vending machines. [35 ILCS 120/2-5(35)] (See Section 130.332 of this Part.);*
- xx) *beginning July 1, 2007, of an aircraft, as that term is defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Aeronautics Act, if all of the following conditions are met:*
- 1) *the aircraft leaves this State within 15 days after the later of either the final billing for the sale of the aircraft or the approval for return to service, completion of the maintenance record entry, and completion of the test flight and ground test for inspection, as required by 14 CFR 91.407;*
  - 2) *the aircraft is not based or registered in this State after the sale of the aircraft; and*
  - 3) *the seller retains documents as required by the Department. [35 ILCS 120/2-5(25-7)] (See Section 130.605);*
- yy) *effective October 11, 2007, of tangible personal property sold to a public-facilities corporation, as described in 65 ILCS 5/11-65-10, for purposes of constructing or furnishing a municipal convention hall. If, before October 11, 2007, a municipality has incorporated a public-facilities corporation and the public-facilities corporation complies with the requirements set forth in Section 11-65-10, then this exemption applies to that public-facilities corporation. [65 ILCS 5/11-65-10, 15, 25];*
- zz) *beginning January 1, 2008, of tangible personal property used in the construction or maintenance of certain community water supplies. [35 ILCS 120/2-5(39)]*

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