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Notice 08-02

Sales Tax Treatment of Charges for Participation in Guided and Non-guided Hunting and Retail Sale of Game Birds

This notice is to advise that the Department is currently reviewing its interpretation on the sales tax treatment of charges for guided and non-guided hunts, and on the retail sale of game birds. Effective May 7, 2008 through May 6, 2009, the Department is suspending enforcement of collection of sales tax on charges for participation in guided or non-guided hunts, and on the retail sale of game birds.

In Revised Notice 07-08 dated February 4, 2008, the Department stated its interpretation that the gross receipts derived from the participation in guided and non-guided hunts are subject to Kansas retailers' sales tax, pursuant to K.S.A. 79-3603(m). During the 2008 Legislative Session, legislation was introduced that would exempt such gross receipts from sales tax. Although no such legislative was enacted, the Department is in the process of reviewing its interpretation. During such review and effective May 7, 2008 through May 6, 2009, subject to any legislative action taken during the 2009 Legislative Session, the Department will not enforce collection of sales tax on the gross receipts derived from the participation in guided and non-guided hunts, and on the retail sale of game birds. Any sales tax on such gross receipts already collected or remitted to the Department as of May 6, 2008 shall be deemed lawfully paid and shall not be refunded.

Taxable sales of meals, tangible personal property and lodging do not fall within the Department's forbearance on enforcement, and collection and remittance of applicable sales tax on those items should continue. Charges for participation in guided and non-guided hunts should be billed separately from charges for taxable sales of meals, tangible personal property, and lodging.

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