

R865. Tax Commission, Auditing.

R865-19S. Sales and Use Tax.

R865-19S-85. Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Certain Purchases by a Manufacturing Facility Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1) Definitions:

(a) "Establishment" means an economic unit of operations, that is generally at a single physical location in Utah, where qualifying manufacturing processes are performed. If a business operates in more than one location (e.g., branch or satellite offices), each physical location is considered separately from any other locations operated by the same business.

(b) "Machinery and equipment" means:

(i) electronic or mechanical devices incorporated into a manufacturing process from the initial stage where actual processing begins, through the completion of the finished end product, and including final processing, finishing, or packaging of articles sold as tangible personal property. This definition includes automated material handling and storage devices when those devices are part of the integrated continuous production cycle; and

(ii) any accessory that is essential to a continuous manufacturing process. Accessories essential to a continuous manufacturing process include:

(A) bits, jigs, molds, or devices that control the operation of machinery and equipment; and

(B) gas, water, electricity, or other similar supply lines installed for the operation of the manufacturing equipment, but only if the primary use of the supply line is for the operation of the manufacturing equipment.

(c) "Manufacturer" means a person who functions within a manufacturing facility.

(2) The sales and use tax exemption for the purchase or lease of machinery and equipment by a manufacturing facility applies only to purchases or leases of tangible personal property used in the actual manufacturing process.

(a) The exemptions do not apply to purchases of items of tangible personal property that become part of the real property in which the manufacturing operation is conducted.

(b) Purchases of qualifying machinery and equipment are treated as purchases of tangible personal property under R865-19S-58, even if the item is affixed to real property upon installation.

(3) Machinery and equipment used for a nonmanufacturing activity qualify for the exemption if the machinery and equipment are primarily used in manufacturing activities. Examples of nonmanufacturing activities include:

(a) research and development;

(b) refrigerated or other storage of raw materials, component parts, or finished product; or

(c) shipment of the finished product.

(4) Where manufacturing activities and nonmanufacturing activities are performed at a single physical location, machinery and equipment purchased for use in the manufacturing operation are eligible for the sales and use tax exemption if the manufacturing operation constitutes a separate and distinct manufacturing establishment.

(a) Each activity is treated as a separate and distinct establishment if:

(i) no single SIC code includes those activities combined; or

(ii) each activity comprises a separate legal entity.

(b) Machinery and equipment used in both manufacturing activities and nonmanufacturing activities qualify for the exemption only if the machinery and equipment are primarily used in manufacturing activities.

(5) The manufacturer shall retain records to support the claim that the machinery and equipment are qualified for exemption from sales and use tax under the provisions of this rule and Section 59-12-104

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