

R865. Tax Commission, Auditing.

R865-19S. Sales and Use Tax.

R865-19S-120. Sales and Use Tax Exemption Relating to Film, Television, and Video Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Section 59-12-104.

(1) The provisions of this rule apply to the sales and use tax exemption authorized under Section 59-12-104 for the purchase, lease, or rental of machinery or equipment by certain establishments related to film, television, and video if those purchases, leases, or rentals are primarily used in the production or postproduction of film, television, video, or similar media for commercial distribution.

(2) “Machinery or equipment” means tangible personal property eligible for capitalization under accounting standards.

(3) (a) “Tangible personal property eligible for capitalization under accounting standards” means tangible personal property with an economic life greater than one year.

(b) “Tangible personal property eligible for capitalization under accounting standards” does not include tangible personal property with an economic life of one year or less, even if that property is capitalized on the establishment’s financial records.

(c) There is a rebuttable presumption that an item of tangible personal property is not eligible for capitalization if that property is not shown as a capitalized asset on the financial records of the establishment.

(4) Transactions that do not qualify for the sales tax exemption referred to in Subsection (1) include purchases, leases, or rentals of:

- (a) land;
- (b) buildings;
- (c) raw materials;
- (d) supplies;
- (e) film;
- (f) services;
- (g) transportation;
- (h) gas, electricity, and other fuels;
- (i) admissions or user fees; and
- (j) accommodations.

(5) If a transaction is composed of machinery or equipment and items that are not machinery or equipment, the items that are not machinery or equipment are exempt from sales and use tax if the items are:

- (a) an incidental component of a transaction that is a purchase, lease, or rental of machinery or equipment; and
- (b) not billed as a separate component of the transaction.

(6) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), an item used for administrative purposes does not qualify for the exemption.

- (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(a), if an item is used both in the production or postproduction process and for administrative purposes, the item qualifies for the exemption if the primary use of the item is in the production or postproduction process.

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