Regulation 1587. (Continued)

(2) APPLICATION OF TAX.

(A) Oxygen. On or after January 1, 1997, tax does not apply to the sale or use of oxygen administered to food animals for the primary purpose of preventing or controlling disease, including oxygen injected into ponds or tanks that house or contain aquatic species raised, kept, or used as food for human consumption. However, tax does apply to the sale or use of oxygen administered to nonfood animals whether or not the animals are being held for sale in the regular course of business.

(B) Administered Directly. Prior to January 1, 1997, except as provided in Regulation 1506 (18 CCR 1506), subdivision (h), dealing with licensed veterinarians, tax applies to the sale or use of drugs or medicines as defined in subdivision (c)(1) which are administered directly to animal life. Operative January 1, 1997, tax does not apply to the sale or use of drugs or medicines as defined in subdivision (c)(1) which are administered directly (e.g., orally, hypodermically, or topically or externally as injections, implants, drenches, repellents, or pour-ons) to food animals. The sale or use of drugs or medicines as defined in subdivision (c)(1) administered directly to non-food animals are subject to tax regardless that such animals are being held for sale in the regular course of business.

(C) Mixed with Feed or Drinking Water. Prior to April 1, 1996, tax applies to the sale or use of drugs or medicines as defined in subdivision (c)(1) administered to animal life as an additive to feed (except as provided in (b)(2)(B) above) or to drinking water. Operative April 1, 1996, tax does not apply to the sale or use of such drugs or medicines administered as an additive to, or component of, feed or drinking water for food animals or for nonfood animals being held for sale in the regular course of business.

(d) EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES.

(1) FEED. Sellers of feed should secure feed exemption certificates with respect to sales of feed of a kind customarily used both to feed food animals and to feed non-food animals which is purchased for food animals, and with respect to sales of all feed which is purchased for non-food animals being held for sale in the regular course of business. The following form of certificate is suggested:

"I hereby certify that all of the feed which I shall purchase from ______________ will be purchased for use as feed for food animals or for non-food animals which are being held for sale in the regular course of business. This certificate shall be considered a part of each order which I give unless such order shall otherwise specify. This certificate shall be good until revoked in writing."

Signature ____________________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________

Occupation ____________________________________________________________________________

Seller’s Permit No. (if any) ____________________________________________________________________________

Sellers of feed need not secure feed exemption certificates with respect to sales of feed of a kind ordinarily used only in the production of meat, dairy or poultry products for human consumption or with respect to sales in small units (two standard sacks of grain or less and/or four bales of hay or less) of feed of a kind customarily used either for food production or other purposes (feeding work stock), or with respect to sales of feed that is specifically labeled by the manufacturer for food animals. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, it will be presumed that all such feed are to be used in producing meat, dairy or poultry products for human consumption.

(2) DRUGS OR MEDICINES.

(A) Administered Directly. Operative January 1, 1997, persons who buy drugs or medicines as defined in subdivision (c)(1), which will be administered directly (e.g., orally, hypodermically, or topically or externally as injections, implants, drenches, repellents, or pour-ons) to food animals, should give the vendor an exemption certificate similar to the example in subdivision (d)(2)(C) below.

(B) To be Mixed with Feed or Drinking Water. Operative April 1, 1996, persons who buy drugs or medicines as defined in subdivision (c)(1) to be mixed with feed or drinking water, for food animals or of non-food
animals being held for sale in the regular course of business, should give the vendor an exemption certificate similar to the example in subdivision (d)(2)(C) below.

(C) Sellers of drugs or medicines to be mixed with feed or drinking water for food animals or for non-food animals being held for sale in the regular course of business, to be administered directly to a food animal, or, if oxygen, administered to a food animal such as by pumping or injecting the oxygen into the animal's living environment should request a certificate similar to the following from the buyer:

"I hereby certify that the drugs or medicines which I shall purchase from ________________ will be purchased

[ ] as an additive to feed or drinking water for food animals or for non-food animals being held for sale in the regular course of business,
[ ] for administration directly to a food animal, or
[ ] for oxygen administered to a food animal.

This certificate shall be considered a part of each order which I give unless such order shall otherwise specify. This certificate shall be good until revoked in writing.

Signature ____________________________
Address ____________________________
Occupation ____________________________
Seller's Permit No. (if any) ____________________________

(3) INVOICES RELATED TO EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES. Exemption certificates should be complete with the information specified in the above forms, including the names and addresses of the purchasers, in order to constitute adequate support for exemptions claimed by sellers. In addition, the invoices on sales claimed as exempt should specify the names of the purchasers in order to relate them to exemption certificates.

History: Effective July 1, 1947.
Amended July 23, 1947.
Amended and renumbered August 5, 1969, effective September 6, 1969.
Amended March 9, 1976, effective April 18, 1976. Added (c)(3) clarifying requirement of sellers to maintain completed exemption notices and related invoices.
Amended July 30, 1986, effective December 13, 1986. Amended subdivision (b)(2)(C) to provide that tax applies to sales of drugs or medicines administered to animal life directly or as an additive to drinking water except as provided.
Amended November 18, 1987, effective February 26, 1988. In subdivision (c)(1), defined term "small units" of feed.
Amended January 11, 1996, effective October 12, 1996. Amended subdivision (a) to define ostriches as food animals; added a reference to the California Code of Regulations to subdivision (b)(2)(C); corrected a clerical error in subdivision (c)(2).
Amended August 1, 1997, effective January 8, 1998. Amended subdivision (a) by adding reference to emus as food animals effective January 1, 1996. Former subdivision (b)(2)(C) redesignated (c) and renamed "Drugs or Medicines." New subdivisions (c)(1) and (c)(3) added. New subdivision (c)(2) added incorporating language of former subdivision (b)(2)(C), adding reference to use of products, cross-reference to new subdivision (c)(1), and adding new second sentence. Former subdivision (c) redesignated (d) and subdivision (d)(1) amended by adding phrase "which ... business" to first paragraph; deleting language "I am engaged ... that" and "in the production ... products" from, and adding phrase "as feed ... business" to first paragraph of certificate. New subdivision (d)(2)(A) added. First paragraph of former subdivision (c) incorporated into new subdivision (d)(2)(B) adding operative date, cross-reference to new subdivision (c)(1), phrase "or drinking ... business," and cross-reference to new subdivision (d)(2)(C); second sentence deleted. Content of second paragraph of former subdivision (c)(2) incorporated into new subdivision (d)(2)(C) with phrases "or medicines", "or drinking water", and "or for non-food animals ... food animal" added. In sample certificate, phrases "... of" deleted, "or medicines" added, and language beginning with "for" and running to end of first paragraph, along with blanks, deleted; and two new blocks added.