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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SELLERS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA

As part of the Board of Equalization's education outreach efforts, we are contacting sellers of medical marijuana in California to clarify the application of tax to sales of medical marijuana. If you sell medical marijuana, your sales in California are generally subject to tax and you are required to hold a seller's permit. You may register for a seller's permit in person at one of our field offices or by mail. Applications for seller's permits are available at our field offices and may be printed from our website at www.boe.ca.gov/pdf/boe400spa.pdf.

You are required to obtain a seller's permit if you are engaged in business in California and intend to make sales or leases that are subject to tax. If you do not obtain a seller's permit or fail to report and pay the taxes due, you will be subject to interest and penalty charges.

The application for a seller's permit asks for information regarding the products you sell, the names and addresses of your suppliers, and the products you purchase. If you decline to provide this information for any reason including concerns about confidentiality and self-incrimination, a permit will still be issued to allow you to report and pay the taxes due on your sales. However, without the requested information, we may not know enough about your business to be able to provide copies of pertinent publications and regulations or other relevant information.

Having a seller's permit does not mean you have authority to make unlawful sales. The permit only provides a way to remit any sales and use taxes due. The permit states, "NOTICE TO PERMITTEE: You are required to obey all federal and state laws that regulate or control your business. This permit does not allow you to do otherwise."

For more information concerning applications for a seller's permit, please contact one of our field offices or call our Information Center at 800-400-7115 (TDD/TTY 800-735-2929). Staff are available to assist you from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific time, Monday through Friday, except state holidays.