

Regulation 1541: *Printing and Related Arts*

Regulation 1541 explains the application of tax to sales made to and by printers. The revised regulation, among other things,

- Provides clarification for the definitions of terms in subdivision (a).
- Provides definitions for the terms “color separator,” “color separation working products,” “digital pre-press instruction,” “finished art,” “intermediate production aids,” “print broker,” and “printer.”
- Replaces the confusing terminology “ultimately subject to sales tax” in subdivision (c) with a clear explanation of the application of tax to the sales of special printing aids.
- Requires in subdivision (c)(3)(A) that printers and print brokers separately state special printing aids on an invoice in order to sell the special printing aids for resale.
- Clarifies in subdivision (d) that printers may, under specified circumstances, consider 75% of a combined charge for the transfer of artwork and conceptual design services as nontaxable charges.

A copy of Regulation 1541 can be obtained from our Information Center or our website at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/staxregs.htm.

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