

SC REVENUE RULING #99-13

**SUBJECT:** Bingo Paper Standards  
(Bingo)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2000

**SUPERSEDES:** SC Revenue Ruling #97-11 and all previous documents and any oral directives in conflict herewith.

**REFERENCES:** S. C. Code Ann. Section 12-21-4220 (Supp. 1998)

**AUTHORITY:** S. C. Code Ann. Section 12-4-320 (Supp. 1998)  
SC Revenue Procedure #97-8

**SCOPE:** A Revenue Ruling is the Department of Revenue's official advisory opinion of how laws administered by the Department are to be applied to a specific issue or a specific set of facts, and is provided as guidance for all persons or a particular group. It is valid and remains in effect until superseded or modified by a change in the statute or regulations or a subsequent court decision, Revenue Ruling or Revenue Procedure.

### **Bingo Paper Standards**

The Bingo Act of 1996 (Code Section 12-21-4220) requires the Department of Revenue to set bingo paper standards. The bingo paper is critical to the administration of the Bingo Act, as the bingo paper will be evidence of the payment of bingo tax.

Therefore, the department will accept bingo paper meeting the following standards for use in South Carolina.

## **Bingo Paper Standards:**

- ! The dollar face value of a bingo sheet must be printed on each card of the sheet. For example, if a sheet contains 3 cards and the sheet is sold for \$1, then each card on the sheet must state the dollar face value as “3 on \$1.” This means that the card is one of three cards contained on the sheet and that the sheet sells for \$1.
- ! Any prepackaged paper must have a common serial number for all the sheets in the package.
- ! All paper in a box from the manufacturer to distributor must have the same serial number. A distributor must sell paper in sets of 9,000 or any other sets approved by the department. A distributor must sell an entire set at the same time, on the same invoice, to the same individual licensed organization. The distributor can not sell partial sets to different organizations, nor can they sell a set over several invoices or periods of time.
- ! Serial numbers used by the manufacturer must be consecutively numbered, and the numbers can not be duplicated until all available serial numbers are used. All paper sold to licensed South Carolina bingo operators will have a state emblem, as shown below, printed on the face of each sheet. This emblem will be the outline of the state of South Carolina and will be placed in the free space. The design and placement of this emblem will be approved by the department. Licensed South Carolina manufacturers are allowed only to sell paper with our emblem to licensed South Carolina distributors. These distributors may only sell this paper to licensed South Carolina bingo organizations or promoters.
- ! Distributors, promoters and nonprofit organizations may continue to sell or use the



color coded bingo paper (as authorized by SC Revenue Ruling #97-11) that was purchased prior to January 1, 2000 until the earlier of the depletion of such supplies or March 31, 2000.

- ! After March 31, 2000, color coded bingo paper cannot be used by any bingo operation in South Carolina. The sale of color coded bingo paper to, or use of color coded bingo paper by, any nonprofit bingo operation in South Carolina after March 31, 2000 will be considered the sale or use of unauthorized bingo paper and subject to the applicable penalties provided in the Bingo Act of 1996 and Chapter 54 of Title 12.
- ! After March 31, 2000, licensed manufacturers and licensed distributors may sell color coded bingo paper to bingo operations located outside the state of South Carolina for use solely outside South Carolina if the sale of such bingo paper is permitted in that jurisdiction.
- ! In accordance with the provisions of Section 12-21-4210, licensed nonprofit organizations may return any unused color code bingo paper to the department for a refund.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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