SC INFORMATION LETTER #15-18

SUBJECT: Expiration of Time for Taxpayers to Notify the Department of Intent to Claim Certain Exemptions (Sales and Use Tax)

DATE: December 2, 2015


SC Revenue Procedure #09-3

SCOPE: An Information Letter is a written statement issued to the public to announce general information useful in complying with the laws administered by the Department. An Information Letter has no precedential value.

Act No. 124 of 2009 provides certain South Carolina sales and use tax exemptions for fuel, computer equipment, and construction materials sold to a qualifying taxpayer. Each of these exemptions requires that the taxpayer, over a 7 year period, invest at least $750 million in real or personal property or both comprising or located at a single manufacturing facility and create at least 3,800 full time new jobs at the manufacturing facility. Uncodified sections of the Act provide a deadline for taxpayers to notify the Department of their intent to use the exemptions.

The purpose of this Information Letter is to announce that the time to file a notice with the Department to be eligible for the exemptions described below has expired.

Fuel Used for Test Flights and Certain Transportation of Aircraft. Code Section 12-36-2120(9)(e) and (f) exempt fuel used for test flights of aircraft by the manufacturer of the aircraft or used in the transportation of an aircraft prior to its completion from one facility of the manufacturer to another facility of the manufacturer, not including the transportation of major component parts for construction or assembly or transportation of personnel.

Computer Equipment. Code Section 12-36-2120(65)(b) exempts computer equipment used in connection with a manufacturing facility.

Construction Materials. Code Section 12-36-2120(67) exempts construction materials used in the construction of the manufacturing facility. (Note: The exemption for construction material used in the construction of a new or expanded single manufacturing or distribution facility with a capital investment of at least $100 million is still available.)

These exemptions continue to be available to eligible taxpayers who notified the Department before October 31, 2015.