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TO: All Collectors and Payers of Pre-Paid Sales Tax  
SUBJECT: Incorrect Retailer Registration Numbers

THE PROBLEM

We have, in recent months, been receiving many Statements of Tax Paid - Form PST-2 - showing an incorrect registration number for the retailer (i.e., the payer of pre-paid sales tax). So far, this phenomenon has probably caused little or no problem for retailers, who claim a credit on line 51 of their sales tax returns for pre-paid sales tax they paid to their distributors or suppliers of motor fuel.

However, the number of wrong numbers has been increasing lately, and we are concerned that retailers may soon suffer noticeable delays or even temporary denials of their "line 51" credits while we manually verify their Statements of Tax Paid.

WHAT TO DO

Therefore, we encourage you to double check the accuracy of the retailer's registration number shown on each Form PST-2. Note that the registration number is comprised of two sets of four digits connected by a hyphen (for example, 0000-0000) and the first digit of the number is always "0" or "1".

If you are a retailer and notice that your copy of the PST-2 shows a wrong number, please correct the number AND tell your distributor or supplier to correct the number on his copies. (You will find your registration number on your sales tax return in the box labeled "REG. NO." in the upper left corner.)

If you are a distributor or supplier (and therefore a collector of pre-paid sales tax), please verify the retailer's registration number on Form PST-2 - BEFORE you send the form to us - if you have any doubt of its accuracy. Both we and your "PST customers" will thank you for it.

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