



## Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) Food and Beverage Tax

### **TO:** Retailers Who Sell Food, Alcoholic Beverages, or Soft Drinks within Chicago MPEA Boundaries

If you sell food, alcoholic beverages, or soft drinks from within Chicago MPEA boundaries, beginning October 1, 1992, you may be required to collect and pay the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Retailers' Occupation Tax (also called the MPEA Food and Beverage Tax).

It may be necessary to adjust your cash registers and any computer programs you use so that, beginning October 1, 1992, you will be collecting and paying the correct amounts.

### **What sales are taxable under the MPEA Food and Beverage Tax?**

The following sales are subject to the MPEA Food and Beverage Tax:

sales of food, alcoholic beverages, or soft drinks sold

- for consumption on the premises or

- for consumption off the premises if sold by a retailer whose primary source (more than 50 percent) of gross receipts is from the sale of food, alcoholic beverages, or soft drinks prepared for immediate consumption.

In general, if you are selling food, alcoholic beverages, or soft drinks for which you collect and pay Sales Tax at the "high rate" (in Lines 4a and 4b on Form ST-1, Sales and Use Tax Return), you must collect and pay the MPEA Food and Beverage Tax.

Some examples of taxable sales of food, alcoholic beverages, or soft drinks are sales

- on boats and other watercraft departing from and returning to the shoreline of Lake Michigan whose business locations are within Chicago MPEA boundaries,
- by retailers (such as street vendors)
  - selling for immediate consumption or
  - preparing and selling for consumption without substantial delay within Chicago MPEA boundaries, regardless of the retailer's permanent business location,

- by retailers (such as caterers)
  - selling for immediate consumption or
  - preparing and selling for consumption without substantial delay whose business sites are located within Chicago MPEA boundaries, regardless of the point of delivery, and

- by retailers (such as restaurants, coffee shops, cafeterias, concession stands, and snack shops)
  - selling for immediate consumption or
  - providing facilities for consumption on the premises within Chicago MPEA boundaries.

### **What is the tax rate?**

The MPEA Food and Beverage Tax is imposed at the rate of 1 percent of gross receipts.

### **How do I pay the tax?**

You report this tax by filing Form ST-4, Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority Food and Beverage Tax Return.

If you have more than one business site within Chicago MPEA boundaries, you must also complete and enclose Form ST-7, Multiple Site Form, with your return.

### **When must I start collecting the tax?**

You must begin collecting this tax on taxable sales you make on or after October 1, 1992.

### **When must I file?**

Your return is due on or before the 20th day of the month following the liability period for which you are reporting. Your reporting periods are the same as those for which you file Form ST-1, Sales and Use Tax Return.

- **For monthly filers**, your first return is due on or before November 20, 1992, for the October liability period.
- **For quarterly filers**, your first return is due on or before January 20, 1993, for the October - November - December 1992 liability period.
- **For annual filers**, your first return is due on or before January 20, 1993, for the fourth quarter of 1992.

### **What should I do with the payment stub at the bottom of the return?**

The payment stub is used by our automated processing equipment. Simply write the amount you are paying on the line provided. Please do not detach or alter it in any other way.

### **Questions?**

If you have questions or need more information, please call or write us. Our telephone numbers and address are printed at the bottom of this bulletin.



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