Auctioneer Registration Flowchart (Side A)

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**Definitions:**

- **Physical presence nexus** - having or maintaining within Illinois, an office, distribution house, sales house, warehouse or other place of business, or any agent or other representative operating within Illinois under the authority of the retailer or its subsidiary (see 35 ILCS 105/2).
- **Selling Activities** - the composite of many activities extending from the preparation for, and the obtaining of, orders for goods to the final consummation of the sale by the passing of title and payment of the purchase price (see 86 Ill. Adm. Code 270.115).
- **Origin-based** - the location where the selling occurs.
- **Destination-based** - the location where the item is shipped or delivered or where the purchaser takes possession.

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**Auctioneer Registration Flowchart (Side B)**

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How do I determine my tax liability for each sale?

Do you list or advertise for sale tangible personal property for any disclosed sellers AND collect payment from the customer?

You are a marketplace facilitator. See Side A of this chart.

Are your auction services performed in Illinois?

No

Do you have physical presence nexus*?

No

Do you meet either tax remittance threshold?

No

You do not need to register, BUT you may register to voluntarily collect Use Tax.

Reminder: You are required to review your sales on a quarterly basis to determine if you meet either tax remittance threshold and therefore need to register.

YES

You are a remote retailer. Is the seller of the item being auctioned disclosed (identified)?

NO

Do the selling activities* predominately occur in Illinois or is the item in Illinois at the time of the sale?

NO

Register to collect and remit use tax.

NO

No action is required by the auctioneer.

YES

Register to collect and remit origin-based* state and local retailers’ occupation tax.

Yes

Is the seller of the item being auctioned disclosed (identified)?

Note: This question must be asked for each item sold.

YES

Register to collect and remit destination-based* state and local retailers’ occupation taxes.

NO

No action is required by the auctioneer.

YES

Register to collect and remit origin-based* state and local retailers’ occupation tax.

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