

Changes Regarding the Issuance of Certificates of Authority to Show and Entertainment Vendors

The Tax Department has adopted amendments to the Sales and Use Taxes Regulations that change the way it will issue a sales tax *Certificate of Authority* to a show vendor or an entertainment vendor.

Previously, show and entertainment vendors were issued Form DTF-726, *Certificate of Authority for Show and Entertainment Vendors*, a special certificate issued only to these types of vendors. This certificate was valid for one calendar year and expired on the last day of the calendar year for which it was issued. If a show or entertainment vendor timely filed its sales tax returns and paid the applicable taxes due, the department automatically reissued the vendor's certificate of authority by sending the vendor a new Form DTF-726 that was valid for the next calendar year.

The department will no longer issue Form DTF-726. In December 2008, currently registered show and entertainment vendors that have timely filed sales tax returns and paid the applicable taxes due will instead automatically receive Form DTF-17-A, *Certificate of Authority*, effective January 1, 2009. Also starting in December 2008, any person who applies as a show or entertainment vendor for the first time will be issued Form DTF-17-A. In either case, Form DTF-17-A issued to a show or entertainment vendor will not have an expiration date and will remain in effect until it is suspended or revoked in accordance with section 1134(a)(4) of the Tax Law or until it becomes subject to the re-registration program described below.

Any show or entertainment vendor that has not timely filed its sales tax returns or paid the proper amount of taxes due will not automatically receive Form DTF-17-A in December 2008. Instead, the department will notify the vendor of its filing and payment status and explain how the vendor can resolve its account in order to receive a new *Certificate of Authority*.

Part LL-1 of Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2008 requires the Tax Department to conduct a re-registration program for every person that holds a sales tax *Certificate of Authority*. The department will contact all such persons, including show and entertainment vendors, when it is time to re-register and obtain a new *Certificate of Authority* under this re-registration program.

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