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SPECIAL NOTICE

Interior Design Services

Purpose: This Special Notice addresses interior design services, as described in industry 54141 of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) for 2017, which will be included as taxable services as of **January 1, 2020**. Interior designers, interior design consultants, interior decorating consultants, and any other person or establishment that provides interior design services as described in NAICS industry 54141 must register to collect and remit Connecticut sales tax, if not already registered to do so.

Description of Interior Design Services: The description of the services in this NAICS industry is as follows:

- Planning, designing, and administering projects in interior spaces to meet the physical and aesthetic needs of people using them, taking into consideration building codes, health and safety regulations, traffic patterns and floor planning, mechanical and electrical needs, and interior fittings and furniture;
- Providing hospitality design, health care design, institutional design, commercial and corporate design, and residential design; **and**
- Providing aesthetic services associated with interior spaces.

Exemption for Purchases by Business: Interior design services that are purchased by a business for use by such business can be purchased exempt from tax. Furniture, furnishings, and other tangible personal property related to an interior design contract are not covered by this exemption. If tangible personal property is being furnished in connection with the contract for interior design services, the charge for such services must be separately stated in order to qualify for this exemption.

To be eligible for the business exemption, the purchaser of the services must present a **CERT-144, Interior Design Services Purchased by a Business for Use by Such Business**, to the retailer certifying that the

purchaser is a business and is purchasing such services for its business. The purchaser of the services will be liable for the tax otherwise imposed if the CERT-144 is improperly provided to the seller. Any person who wilfully delivers a CERT-144 that is known to be fraudulent or false in any material matter to a seller will, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, be guilty of a class D felony.

Effective Date: Effective for sales occurring on or after January 1, 2020.

Statutory Authority: 2019 Conn. Pub. Acts 117, §§ 325, 326, amending Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 12-407(a)(37) and 12-412.

Effect on Other Documents: Informational Publication 2018(2), *Building Contractors' Guide to Sales and Use Taxes*, is modified and superseded in part, to the extent it addresses interior design services.

Effect of This Document: A Special Notice announces a new policy or practice in response to changes in state or federal laws or regulations or to judicial decisions. A Special Notice indicates an informal interpretation of Connecticut tax law by the Department of Revenue Services (DRS).

For Further Information: Call DRS during business hours, Monday through Friday:

- **800-382-9463** (Connecticut calls outside the Greater Hartford calling area only); **or**
- **860-297-5962** (from anywhere).

TTY, TDD, and Text Telephone users only may transmit inquiries anytime by calling 860-297-4911. Taxpayers may also call 711 for relay services. A taxpayer must tell the 711 operator the number he or she wishes to call. The relay operator will dial it and then communicate using a TTY with the taxpayer.

Forms and Publications: Visit the DRS website at portal.ct.gov/DRS to download and print Connecticut tax forms and publications.

Paperless Filing/Payment Methods (fast, easy, free, and confidential): Business and individual taxpayers can use the **Taxpayer Service Center (TSC)** at portal.ct.gov/TSC to file a variety of tax returns, update account information, and make payments online.

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File Electronically: You can choose first-time filer information and filing assistance or log directly into the *TSC* to file returns and pay taxes.

Pay Electronically: You can pay taxes for tax returns that cannot be filed through the *TSC*. Log in and select the *Make Payment Only* option. Choose a payment date up to the due date of the tax and mail a paper return to complete the filing process.