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Content :	<p>Chapter 1 General Provisions</p> <p>Article 1 These Regulations are adopted pursuant to Paragraph 4, Article 32 of the Value-Added and Non-Value-Added Business Tax Act ("the Act").</p> <p>Article 2 Unless otherwise provided for in the Act, the use of uniform invoices by business entities shall be governed by these Regulations.</p> <p>Article 3 Except when a business entity is exempted from the use of uniform invoices pursuant to Article 4, the competent tax authority shall impose the use of uniform invoices on all business entities.</p> <p>Chapter 2 Exemptions</p> <p>Article 4 Business entities or operations meeting any of the following criteria may be exempted from the use or issuance of uniform invoices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Small-scale business entities2. Massage businesses operated by visually impaired persons who have duly obtained qualifications to engage in massage operations, and entirely staffed with visually impaired persons to provide massage services.3. Passenger fare income of taxi operators or of other transport businesses.4. Duly registered or established duty-free shops and duty-free shops on offshore islands.

5. Agricultural irrigation water supplies.
6. Medical services, medications, patient accommodation and meals provided by hospitals, clinics, and convalescent institutions.
7. Social welfare services provided by social welfare organizations or institutions or labor organizations, duly established with permission of the competent authority, and social welfare services outsourced by the government.
8. Education services provided by schools, kindergartens, and other cultural and educational institutions, as well as cultural services performed under government entrustment.
9. Intern shops set up by vocational schools that are not open to the public.
10. Employee welfare facilities set up by government agencies, government-run business entities, and social organizations according to relevant laws that are not open to the public.
11. Prison factories and the selling places of the finished products there from.
12. Business operations carried out by postal and telecommunications administrations according to law or through government entrustment, as well as monopoly goods sold through government monopoly offices. The preceding provision shall not include operations outside the designated business area of said institutions.
13. Legally registered street vendors.
14. Public utility businesses, but not including operations outside the designated business area of said institutions
15. Barber shops and public bath operators
16. Special food and beverage service enterprises who pay business tax based on assessed sales by the competent authority
17. Legally registered newspaper agencies, magazine agencies, news agencies, television broadcasting stations, and radio broadcasting stations selling newspapers, publications, newsletters, or putting on advertisements, showing or airing programs within the scope of their respective designated business areas. The preceding provision shall not include advertisements sold by newspaper agencies or commercials aired by television broadcasting stations
18. Stamp tax ticket or postal stamp selling services by entrustment
19. Cooperatives, farmers' associations, fishermen's associations, labor unions, chambers of commerce, or trade unions selling goods or services to members through legal operations or carrying out businesses under government entrustment.
20. Bonds issued by all levels of governments and securities subject to securities transaction tax by law
21. Remaining or discarded materials from biddings organized by various levels of government
22. Courts, customs, or other institutions auctioning off confiscated or seized properties, goods, or pledges
23. Banking business entities
24. Insurance business entities
25. Business entities engaged in trust investment, securities, futures, or short-term bills.
26. Interest revenues of pawn-broking businesses and accrued rentals from pawned objects
27. Entrance fee revenues of entertainment businesses, and income from storytelling shows, funfairs, billiards-playing facilities, table tennis facilities, fishing yards, and amusement parks
28. Passenger fare or freight rate revenues of foreign international transport operators without a fixed place of business within the Republic of China carrying passengers or goods from overseas into the country that are collected by agents of said operators.
29. Compensation income acquired by business entities
30. Income, gained from goods sold through auctions or fund-raising sales by legally incorporated charity or relief organizations or fund-raising performances for charity causes, after for the disbursement of necessary expenditures for the said activities, and used for operation of business
31. Research services provided by academic or technological research institutions established under the approval of the competent authority

32. Consignees in agricultural product wholesale markets
33. Goods exported by business entities or services related to exports or services supplied within the territory of the ROC but used in foreign countries and provided by business entities.
34. Goods sold by business entities located in bonded zones to business entities located in taxable zones and exported directly without being transported to a taxable zone.
35. Others exempted from the use or issuance of uniform invoices with approval of the Ministry of Finance

Chapter 3 Purchase, Use, and Declaration

Article 5

When purchasing uniform invoices for the first time, business entities shall file an application with the competent tax authority for the issuance of a uniform invoice purchase certificate. The purchase certificates are required to be stamped with the unique uniform invoice seal of the entity. The unique uniform invoice seal shall contain the name, the uniform serial number, and the address of the business entity, as well as the words "Uniform Invoice Seal". The uniform serial number thereon shall be engraved in arabic numerals using standard No. 5 font size in bold face.

Article 6

In the event of a change to the name, uniform serial number, address, responsible person, or the unique uniform invoice seal, business entities shall present the original uniform invoice purchase certificate to the competent tax authority for re-issuance.

In the event of merger, transfer, dissolution, or discontinuation, business entities shall submit the original uniform invoice purchase certificate to the competent tax authority for cancellation.

In the event of loss of the uniform invoice purchase certificate, business entities shall immediately report the certificate number to the competent tax authority for recordation and apply for re-issuance.

Article 7

The types and uses of uniform invoices are as follows:

1. Triplicate uniform invoices: Exclusively for use by business entities when selling goods or services to other business entities and calculating business tax under Section 1, Chapter IV of the Act. The first copy shall be the retention copy to be retained by the invoice issuer; the second copy shall be the deduction copy to be returned to the purchaser for tax deduction or reduction declarations pursuant to the provisions of the Act; the third copy shall be the receipt copy to be given to the purchaser as an accounting voucher.
2. Duplicate uniform invoices: Exclusively for use by business entities when selling goods or services to non-business entities and calculating business tax under Section 1, Chapter IV of the Act. The first copy shall be the retention copy to be retained by the invoice issuer; the second copy shall be the receipt copy to be given to the purchaser as receipt.
3. Special uniform invoices: Exclusively for use by business entities when selling goods or services and calculating business tax under Section 2, Chapter IV of the Act. The first copy shall be the retention copy to be retained by the invoice issuer; the second copy shall be the receipt copy to be given to the purchaser as receipt.

4. Cash register uniform invoices: Exclusively for use by business entities that calculate business tax under Section 1, Chapter IV of the Act when selling goods or services and issuing uniform invoices through a cash register. The use of such uniform invoices and the tax declaration procedures thereof shall be governed by the Regulations Governing the Use of Cash Registers by Business Entities.

5. Computerized uniform invoices: Used by business entities when selling goods or services and calculating business tax under Section 1, Chapter IV of the Act. The first copy shall be the retention copy to be retained by the invoice issuer; the second copy shall be the deduction copy to be given to the purchaser for tax deduction or reduction declarations pursuant to the provisions of the Act, and where the purchaser is a non-business entity, the second copy shall be destroyed by the issuer; and the third copy shall be the receipt copy to be given to the purchaser as an accounting voucher. For business entities calculating business tax under Section 2, Chapter IV of the Act, the first copy shall be the retention copy for retention by the invoice issuer and the second copy the receipt copy to be given to the purchaser as receipt. The use of such uniform invoices, and the tax declaration procedures thereof shall be governed by the provisions under Chapter IV of the Act.

Where necessary, an additional copy may be prepared for the uniform invoices under the preceding paragraphs if approved by the Ministry of Finance.

The uniform invoices referred to in the first paragraph may be issued, transmitted or obtained via the internet or by other electronic means if the application to perform such actions has been approved by the competent tax authority.

Business entities issuing uniform invoices under the preceding paragraphs shall upload the information of uniform invoices and identification codes of carriers which are approved by the competent tax authority and used for purchasers requesting uniform invoices to E-Invoice Platform twenty - four hours after issuing, and enable a purchaser to inquire or receive the information. Uniform invoices nullified sales returns and sales discounts also apply.

Business entities issuing uniform invoices under the third paragraph, and complying with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, is deemed as issuing uniform invoices to the purchaser. Business entities using E-Invoice Platform or a value-added service center to issuing and transferring uniform invoices to business purchasers, or issuing uniform invoices by other information systems and transferring to business purchasers through E-Invoice Platform, the delivery is deemed as completed when business purchasers receive uniform invoices on E-Invoice Platform or a value-added service center.

Article 8

Business entities shall issue uniform invoices in the normal sequence of time and shall stamp the unique uniform invoice seal on both the deduction and receipt copies. However, if a business entity uses computerized uniform invoices or issues and transmits electronic invoices via the Internet or by other electronic means, it may print its name, address, and uniform serial

number in the "Unique Uniform Invoice Seal of the Business Entity" box of the uniform invoice, and is exempt from stamping the unique uniform invoice seal thereon.

In using uniform invoices, business entities that calculate business tax under Section 1, Chapter IV of the Act shall issue separate uniform invoices for taxable, zero-tax rate, and tax-free items and shall check the corresponding box of tax classification of the uniform invoice.

When a business entity is engaged to handle collection and payment on behalf of another party, if there is no difference between the amount collected and the amount paid, and the purchaser specified on the payment receipt voucher is the engaging party, then the business entity may deliver the voucher to the engaging party and is exempt both from issuing a uniform invoice and from including the payment as a sales amount.

When a business entity engaged in the food and beverage or lodging and accommodation industry, or a travel agency, pays miscellaneous expenses (such as fares, postage, or telecommunication bills) on behalf of others, it may indicate the items and amount of receipts and disbursements in the remarks column of the uniform invoice, and is exempt from including the amount in the sales amount and the total amount on the uniform invoice.

Article 9

Business entities shall provide the actual date, item name, quantity, unit price, item subtotal, sales amount, tax classification, tax, and total amount of the transaction in the required format and shall in addition thereto, fulfill the following requirements upon issuance of a uniform invoice; and where the purchaser is a non-business entity, the uniform invoice shall be issued at the list price:

1. For business entities using triplicate uniform invoices or computerized uniform invoices, the name and the uniform serial number of the purchaser shall be provided. If the name of the purchaser cannot be produced by the computer in print, the uniform serial number of the purchaser shall suffice.
2. Business entities in the manufacturing or import trade businesses issuing uniform invoices for goods or services sold to non-business entities shall provide the name and address or the national identification number of the purchaser.
3. With the exception of the preceding clause, business entities issuing uniform invoices to non-business entity purchasers need not provide the name and address of the purchaser unless under request of the purchaser.
4. Business entities issuing uniform invoices for goods or services sold to purchasers making payment with a credit card shall provide the last four digits of the card number in the remarks column of the invoice, with the exception of transactions where there is issuance of a duplicate cash register uniform invoice.

Business entities using classification codes in replace of item names on uniform invoices shall submit the code-name index list to the competent tax authority for recordation in advance. In the event of any changes to said list, the same shall apply.

Article 10

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Article 11

Foreign international transportation enterprises which have no fixed place within the territory of the Republic of China, but which operate through agent(s) to carry outbound freight beyond the national territory of the Republic of China shall require the agent(s) to issue uniform invoices prior to the departure day of the vessel and shall fill in the purchaser's name on the invoice according to the following:

1. Where the freight charges are collected within the Republic of China, the name of the payer is to be filled in as purchaser.
 2. Where the freight charges are not collected within the Republic of China, the name of the freight consignee is to be filled in as purchaser.
- Where the freight charges are not collected within the Republic of China as set forth in subparagraph 2 of the preceding paragraph, a single uniform invoice may be issued in the total amount of freight revenue per voyage with the number of voyages indicated and the words "invoice issued in combination" noted down in the remarks column of the invoice.

Article 12

Business entities providing goods or services in exchange for goods or services with others shall issue a uniform invoice upon such exchange.

Article 13

Business entities sending out sales people to conduct sales outside the business premises shall have said sales personnel carry the uniform invoices for issuance to a purchaser upon conclusion of a transaction.

Article 14

Business entities offering gift coupons shall issue uniform invoices according to the following:

1. Goods coupons: Where the coupon states a fixed amount of goods for which a coupon may be converted, an uniform invoice shall be issued upon selling of such gift coupons.
2. Cash coupons: Where the coupons only indicate the cash amount to be converted into for exchange of goods, the uniform invoice shall be issued upon the conversion of coupon into goods.

Where the cash coupons under subparagraph 2 of the preceding paragraph indicate an agreement with other specific business entities for the conversion of coupons into goods, the uniform invoice shall be issued by the business entities making the conversion upon such conversion transactions.

Article 15

For a single transaction with a combined total of the sales amount and the output tax amount less than NT\$50, unless under request by the purchaser, business entities are not required to issue a uniform invoice for each of such transactions, but should in any event issue a combined uniform invoice in the total amount of the day's sales upon closing of each business day

and with the words “issued in combination” indicated, and shall put down “issued in combination on a daily basis” in the remarks column of the uniform invoice breakdown statement of the current term for reference. For business entities issuing uniform invoices using a cash register or issuing receipts in a piecemeal fashion in lieu of uniform invoices issued in a piecemeal fashion, the provisions under the preceding paragraph shall not apply.

Article 15-1

Business entities meeting the following requirements may issue a combined uniform invoice for the month at the end of each month for the goods or services sold to other business entities, provided an application has been previously filed and an approval has been granted by the local competent tax authority:

1. Business entities with no records of past due business tax or business income tax payments and/or fines which have been confirmed.
2. Business entities having filed CPA-certified business income tax returns or filed business income tax returns on the “Blue Form” as required by the tax authority in the preceding two years.

For application for combined uniform invoice issuance by the month to other business entities pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, business entities shall submit along with the application a directory containing the names, addresses, and uniform serial numbers of all the business entity purchasers to the local competent tax authority.

In the event of a violation of the provisions under Paragraph 1 after the approval of the application for monthly combined uniform invoice issuance by a business entity, the competent tax authority may suspend the approved status of the business entity and request the issuance of a uniform invoice with each piecemeal transaction instead.

Article 16

For business entities whose time limit for uniform invoice issuance is the time of payment collection pursuant to the provisions under “Time Limit for Issuing Sales Documentary Evidence” of the Act, the uniform invoices for checks received may be issued on the date as stated on such checks.

Article 17

Business entities providing purchase agency services shall issue a uniform invoice for the service charges, and shall in addition thereto, issue a separate uniform invoice in the amount of the actual purchasing price for the goods acquired with the words “purchase under agency” indicated, and shall deliver said invoices to the consignor upon delivery of the goods. Business entities consigning goods to an agent for selling shall issue a uniform invoice in the amount of the selling price agreed upon by both parties in the contract upon goods delivery and shall indicate “selling under consignment” on said invoice to the business entity engaged for the consigned selling activity as purchase voucher. Business entities undertaking the selling of the consignments shall issue a uniform invoice in the amount of selling price agreed upon by both parties in the contract to the purchaser with “selling under consignment” indicated on said

invoice upon conclusion of the transaction.

The business entities undertaking the selling of the consignments as set forth in the preceding paragraph shall issue a uniform invoice and an account settlement statement for the amount of service charges or commissions receivable according to the goods sold and the time limit for settlement of the account stated in the contract and shall indicate the names, quantities, unit prices, total amounts, and selling dates of goods were sold and the numbers of the uniform invoices issued to the consignor. Said account settlement period shall not exceed two (2) months.

For goods entrusted to agricultural product wholesale markets for selling, business entities may issue the uniform invoice in the sales amount upon account settlement to the wholesale market.

Article 18

Business entities selling goods through installment payments shall issue a uniform invoice upon each agreed collection of payment except where both parties have agreed to issue a uniform invoice in full amount at first payment.

Business entities selling goods through automatic vending machines shall issue the uniform invoice in the total amount received upon collection of payment.

Article 19

Business entities omitting the issuance of uniform invoices or issuing them in lower amounts, if found, shall immediately issue remedy invoices to the correct amount with "corrections for violation of the Act" indicated in the remarks column of such remedy invoices and shall submit them to the competent tax authority for recordation or further processing.

For business entities omitting uniform invoice issuance or issuing invoices in lower amounts as described in the preceding paragraph, if found through purchaser's report, the remedy invoices thus issued may be delivered to the purchaser without specifying "corrections for violation of the Act" in the remarks column of such invoices. The business entities however shall provide a letter of undertaking admitting their violation of the rules of uniform invoice use.

Article 20

In the event of sales return, swap, or allowance after the issuance of uniform invoices, business entities selling the goods or services shall complete the requirements set forth below upon the occurrence of such events. And for swaps, business entities shall reissue a new uniform invoice in the actual amount of the goods swapped with the purchaser.

1. With a business entity as purchaser:

(1) Where the sales amount for the issued uniform invoice has not yet been declared, business entities shall retrieve the receipt and deduction copies of the original invoice and attach them onto the retention copy of the same invoice with the word "nullified" added. Where the original uniform invoice contains the name and uniform serial number of the purchaser, purchaser's certificate of sales return, purchase return or allowances on purchased merchandise may suffice.

(2) Where the sales amount for the issued uniform invoice has been declared, purchaser's certificate of sales return, purchase return or allowances on purchased merchandise is required; such a case however shall be limited to instances where the original uniform invoices contain the name and uniform serial number of the purchaser.

2. With a non-business entity as purchaser:

(1) Where the sales amount for the issued uniform invoice has not yet been declared, business entities shall retrieve the receipt copy of the original invoice and attach it onto the retention copy of the same invoice with the word "nullified" added.

(2) Where the sales amount for the issued uniform invoice has been declared, business entities shall obtain the purchaser's certificate of sales return, purchase return or allowances on purchased merchandise, and shall in addition thereto, retrieve the receipt copy of the original uniform invoice issued. Where the retrieval of the receipt copy is not possible, a copy of said receipt copy may be used in replacement. In the event that both parties have established a sale and purchase agreement and where the original uniform invoice contains the name and address of the purchaser, the retrieval of the receipt copy of the original uniform invoice is not necessary.

The certificate of sales return, purchase return or allowances on purchased merchandise set forth in the preceding paragraph shall contain four copies of a same form, with the first and second copies for use by the business entity selling the goods or services as output tax deduction declaration and accounting voucher respectively, and the third and fourth copies for use by the purchaser as input tax deduction declaration and accounting voucher respectively.

Article 21

Non-current term uniform invoices shall not be issued or used, with the exception of approval by the competent tax authority.

Neither the uniform invoices purchased by business entities or the alphanumeric code numbers of uniform invoices assigned by the tax authority may be transferred for use by others.

Article 22

For unused blank uniform invoices purchased for the term, business entities shall cut away a corner to nullify them and retain them for sampling inspection by tax authorities and shall indicate the alphabetic code and the starting and ending uniform invoice numbers of such invoices on the uniform invoice breakdown statement.

Article 23

In the event of loss of unused blank uniform invoices, business entities shall immediately report the matter together with a description of the cause of loss, the type and alphanumeric code numbers of the lost invoices to the competent authority for cancellation.

In the event of loss of the retention copies of issued uniform invoices, if a copy of the original receipt copy from the purchaser with an official stamp impressed thereon for certification has been obtained, the said copy

of the purchaser's receipt copy may be used as the retention copy. In the event of loss of the deduction copy or the receipt copy of a uniform invoice, if a copy of the original retention copy from the original business entity seller with an official stamp impressed thereon for certification has been obtained, or if the remaining copy of the receipt is impressed with an official stamp of the business entity itself for certification is used, said copy may be used in replace of the lost deduction copy or receipt copy as the input tax deduction or accounting voucher.

Article 24

In the event of an error in the content of the uniform invoice upon issuance, the business entity shall reissue a new one, and shall indicate the word "nullified" on the receipt copy and the deduction copy of the uniform invoice containing the error and attach said copies onto the retention copy with a remark on the matter provided on the uniform invoice breakdown statement for the term.

Article 24-1

In the event of a computer or a machine failure causing inability to issue uniform invoices electronically or the uniform invoices referred to in the third paragraph of Article seven, business entities shall issue the invoice as required manually and shall make a remark of the matter on the breakdown statement.

Article 24-2

In the event of double claims of a uniform invoice lottery prize due to a printing or an issuing mistake on the alphanumeric code number by a business entity using a computer for issuance of uniform invoices, the said business entity shall be liable for repayment the amount of the prize claimed to the competent authority.

Chapter 4 Computer Uniform Invoices

Article 25

Business entities using computers to produce purchases/sales records and print out monthly purchase, sales, and inventory lists or business volume record lists, and having professional accounting personnel on staff may apply with the competent tax authority to use computers for issuance of uniform invoices.

In order to apply to issue uniform invoices by computer as described in the preceding paragraph, business entities shall attach the following documents upon application:

1. A sample of the formatting of the triplicate uniform invoice or of the special uniform invoice, depending on the type of invoice required of the business entity.
2. The purchase, sales, and inventory list or business volume record list for the most recent month prepared in accordance with the accounting system adopted.
3. Sales management system operation procedure or manual.
4. General computer usage analysis chart.

5. The computerized uniform invoice issuance implementation plan, including the scope and timetable of the plan, the names of business units covered, safety and security measures, and the formulas used to check digit calculation.

Article 26

For use of computers to issue uniform invoices, business entities shall produce a projection of the quantity required in each term of the year thirty (30) days in advance of first use, and shall produce such projections for the following year prior to the first of December each year in each year that follows; and shall apply for the numbers of uniform invoices for use with the competent tax authority; and shall issue uniform invoices in serial order. Where the approved numbers are not sufficient, business entities shall apply for additional numbers with the competent tax authority five days in advance.

Article 27

Business entities using computers to issue uniform invoices shall print the uniform invoice breakdown statement by computer while filing tax returns.

Chapter 5 Supplementary Provisions

Article 30

Any violations of the provisions of these Regulations shall be subject to punishments under the relevant provisions of the Act or the Tax Collection Act.

Article 31

Uniform invoices, except those self produced by computers or cash registers pursuant to proper approval, or issued or transmitted via the internet or by other electronic means, shall be printed and sold by the Printing Shop of the Ministry of Finance. The supervision and management over the quality, quantity, and price of such produced uniform invoices shall be the responsibility of the competent tax authority for business tax.

Article 32

These Regulations shall take force from 1 April 1986.

The amendments to these Regulations shall take force from 1 July 1988.

Articles 9, 10, 19, 26, 27, and 31 of these Regulations, amended and promulgated on 16 March 1993, shall take force from 1 April 1993.

Articles 4, 9, 10, 15-1, 20, 21, 22, 24, and 26, amended and promulgated on 26 June 1997, shall take force from 1 July 1997.

Article 31 of these Regulations, amended and promulgated on 29 June 1999, shall take force from 1 July 1999.

Article 31 of these Regulations, amended and promulgated on 19 December 2003, shall take force from the day of promulgation.

Article 15-1 of these Regulations, amended and promulgated on 25 October 2005, shall take force from the day of promulgation.

Articles 7 and 8 of these Regulations, amended and promulgated on 21 April 2010, shall take force from the day of promulgation.

The articles of these Regulations amended and promulgated on 12 May 2011

shall take force from 1 April 2011.

The articles of these Regulations amended and promulgated on 14 December 2012 shall take force from the day of promulgation, except the effective date of Article 7 shall be prescribed by the Ministry of Finance.

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