In the Matter of the Petition

of

PHILIP BELOFF

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

State of New York County of Albany

Marsina Donnini , being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 30th day of June , 19 77, she served the within Notice of Determination by (xertified) mail upon Philip Beloff

by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Mr. Philip Beloff
3301 Nostrand Avenue

Brooklyn, New York

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of

the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

Sworn to before me this

30th day of June

, 1977.

Marsina Donnin



STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227 ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

June 30, 1977

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-1723

Mr. Philip Beloff 3301 Nostrand Avenue Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Beloff:

Please take notice of the **DETERMINATION** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to of the Tax Law, any Section() 478 proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Enc.

pervising Tax

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cc:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

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PHILIP BELOFF

DETERMINATION

for Revision or Refund of Cigarette Taxes Under Article 20 of the Tax Law.

The applicant, Philip Beloff, of 3301 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, filed an application for revision or refund of cigarette taxes under Article 20 of the Tax Law. (File No. 14469)

A formal hearing was held at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, before Julius E. Braun, Hearing Officer, on February 18, 1977 at 9:00 a.m. The applicant appeared pro se. The Miscellaneous Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Alexander Weiss, Esq. of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether the penalty imposed upon the applicant for unlawful possession of unstamped cigarettes was proper.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant, Philip Beloff, was never granted a whole-sale dealer's license to sell cigarettes.

- 2. On November 13, 1974, the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau issued a penalty assessment against the applicant for unlawful possession on April 2, 1973 of unstamped cigarettes, imposing a penalty of \$10.00 per carton on 852 cartons of unstamped cigarettes subject to penalty in the amount of \$8,520.00.
- 3. On April 2, 1973, the applicant, Philip Beloff, did unlaw-fully have in his possession and under his control 862 cartons of cigarettes which were unstamped in violation of section 472 of the Tax Law.
- 4. The applicant was convicted in Criminal Court for unlawful possession of unstamped cigarettes.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That on April 2, 1973, the applicant, Philip Beloff, did unlawfully have in his possession 862 cartons of unstamped cigarettes in violation of Article 20 of the Tax Law.
- B. That the penalty imposed pursuant to section 481 of the Tax Law was reasonable and proper.
- C. That the application for revision of the penalty be and the same is hereby denied.

DATED: Albany, New York June 30, 1977

STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER