In the Matter of the Petition

of

LOUIS MASCOLO

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

State of New York County of Albany

 $_{\rm Marsina\ Donnini}$, 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 $_{\rm 30th}$ day of $_{\rm June}$, 1977 , she served the within

Notice of Determination

by (xexxified) mail upon Louis Mascolo

78 Freedom Avenue Staten Island, 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.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the \(\) \(

Sworn to before me this

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30th **day∖of** June

, 1977.

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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

June 30, 1977

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-1723

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Louis Mascolo 78 Freedom Avenue Staten Island, New York

Dear Mr. Mascolo:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(%) 478 of the Tax Law, any 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.

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Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

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Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

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LOUIS MASCOLO

DETERMINATION

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

The applicant, Louis Mascolo, of 78 Freedom Avenue, Staten Island, New York, filed an application for revision or refund of cigarette taxes under Article 20 of the Tax Law. (File No. 13514)

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 15, 1977 at 10:45 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, Louis Mascolo, was never granted a wholesale dealer's license to sell cigarettes.
- 2. On November 6, 1973, the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau issued a penalty assessment against the applicant for unlawful possession

on September 18, 1973 of unstamped cigarettes, imposing a penalty of \$10.00 per carton on 1596 cartons of unstamped cigarettes subject to penalty in the amount of \$15,960.00.

- 3. On September 18, 1973, at 78 Freedom Avenue, Staten Island, New York, the applicant, Louis Mascolo, did unlawfully have in his possession and under his control 1606 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 September 18, 1973, the applicant, Louis Mascolo, did unlawfully have in his possession 1606 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