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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 , 1977, she served the within Notice of Determination by (xexxx/fixed) mail upon Theodore Wagner

325 East 21st Street, Apt. 24 New York, 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 (representative affixe) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative petitioner.

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30th day of June

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# 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. Theodore Wagner 325 East 21st Street, Apt. 24 New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wagner:

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.

ery truly yours,

Enc.

Paul B. Coburn Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

cc:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

of

THEODORE WAGNER

DETERMINATION

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

The applicant, Theodore Wagner, of 325 East 21st Street, Apartment 24, New York, New York, filed an application for revision or refund of cigarette taxes under Article 20 of the Tax Law. (File No. 14564).

A formal hearing was held at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, before Julius Braun, Hearing Officer on February 17, 1977, at 9:15 a.m. The applicant appeared <u>pro se</u>. 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, Theodore Wagner, was never granted a wholesale dealer's license to sell cigarettes.

- 2. On January 21, 1974, the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau issued penalty assessment against the applicant for unlawful possession on December 7, 1973 of unstamped cigarettes, imposing a penalty of \$10.00 per carton on 739 cartons of unstamped cigarettes subject to penalty in the amount of \$7,390.00.
- 3. On December 7, 1973, at 325 East 21st Street, New York, New York, the applicant, Theodore Wagner, did unlawfully have in his possession and under his control 749 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 December 7, 1973, the applicant, Theodore Wagner, did unlawfully have in his possession 749 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

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