In the Matter of the Petition

of

ARCADE SANDWICH SHOP

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CERTIFIED) MAIL

. S. Van Pellen

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Sales & Use: Taxes under Article(s) 28 & 29 of the Tax Law for the (Year(s) period 6/1/66-2/28/70.

State of New York County of Albany

JOYCE S. VAN PATTEN , 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 8th day of November , 1973, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Bianchi & Aicari, P.A. (representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Bianchi & Zicari, P.A.

275 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14608

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 Post Office Department within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative of) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

8th day of November , 1973.

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Sandwich Shop

*(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Arcade Sandwich Shop

16 Main Street E.

Rochester, New York

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EDWARD ROOK
SECRETARY TO
COMMISSION

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

DATED: Albany, New York November 8, 1973

Arcade Sandwich Shop 16 Main Street, E. Rochester, New York

Gentlemen:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 1138 & 1243 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within from the date of this notice.

Any 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. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

L. ROBERT LEISHER HEARING OFFICER

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Law Bureau

Enc.

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application :

of

ARCADE SANDWICH SHOP

DETERMINATION

for a Revision of a Determination or for Refund of Sales and Use Taxes under Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the Period June 1, 1966 through February 28, 1970.

Augustine Bovenzi, the proprietor of the Arcade Sandwich Shop, applied for a revision of a determination or for refund of sales and use taxes under Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the period June 1, 1966 through February 28, 1970.

A formal hearing was held at the offices of the State Tax

Commission, Rochester, New York, on March 13, 1973, before L. Robert

Leisner, Hearing Officer. The taxpayer was represented by

Anthony Zichari, and the Income Tax Bureau was represented by

Saul Heckelman, Esq., (Francis X. Boylan, Esq., of Counsel).

ISSUES

- I. What was the percentage of taxpayer's sales which were subject to sales tax?
 - II. Was the taxpayer liable for penalties?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The taxpayer, Arcade Sandwich Shop, timely filed New York State sales and use tax returns for the period June 1, 1966 through February 28, 1970.
- 2. A Notice of Determination of deficiencies in sales tax for the period June 1, 1966 through February 28, 1970, was issued on July 6, 1970, against the taxpayer under Notice No. 90,742,590.
- 3. The taxpayer petitioned for a revision of the determination of the deficiencies in sales tax.

- 4. During the years in question, the taxpayer operated the Arcade Sandwich Shop, a small luncheonette, coffee and sandwich shop in an office and arcade building in Rochester, New York. Coffee was sold for 10 cents and sandwiches for 50 cents and 60 cents.
- 5. The income tax examiner determined that the taxpayer had food sales of over \$1.00 on which no tax had been paid. The taxpayer had just recovered from a heart attack and although well, he had not located and assembled all of his records. The examiner determined on a check of three test days that the percentage of taxable sales was \$4,770.00.
- 6. The taxpayer's accountant produced bundles of invoices and tabulations of these invoices and contended that the taxable sales were less than 25% of taxpayer's total sales. The invoices tend to support his statements but total sales of the day and tapes do not appear.
- 7. The taxpayer testified that there were a number of sales for coffee, and sandwiches which were nontaxable. Also, that he had made diligent efforts to collect all the tax due and had kept it separate. There appeared to be confusion on multiple orders on one check. If a stenographer ordered coffee and sandwiches for a number of persons upstairs and paid for the order on one sales check which exceeded a dollar, sometimes a sales tax was collected and other times not, due to the press of business at the rush hour or the inexperience of the waitress helping at the counter.
- 8. On all the evidence of the sales tax examiner's work papers and also including the additional records of the taxpayer's accountant and the testimony of the taxpayer, it is found as a fact that 30% of the sales were subject to tax during the period in question.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. A sales check for more than \$1.00 was subject to tax. Considering the taxpayer's health and the rush hours and at times inexperienced help, he exercised good faith and all the penalties are cancelled.
- B. Thirty percent of the taxpayer's sales were subject to sales tax during the years in question. The tax shall be recomputed accordingly.
- C. The sales tax assessments except as modified herein is sustained, and the taxpayer's application is in all other respects denied.
- D. Pursuant to the Tax Law, interest shall be added to the total amount due until paid.

DATED: Albany, New York November 8, 1973 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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