STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

# In the Matter of the Petition

of

#### AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

PAUL BROCK, d/b/a PAUL NOVELTY CO. For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or : a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Sales & Use : Taxes under Article(s) 28 & 29 of the Tax Law for the Xear(s) XOF Period(r) : December 1, 1967 through August 31, 1971.

State of New York County of Albany

Bruce Batchelor , being duly sworn, deposes and says that whe is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 8th day of April , 1977, whe served the within Notice of Determination by (xextified) mail upon Paul Brock, d/b/a Paul Novelty Co. (representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Paul Brock d/b/a Paul Novelty Company Whitehall, New York 12887

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 af XCAE) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative af the) petitioner.

, 1977.

Sworn to before me this

8th day of April

ant mark

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Bruce Balchel



# STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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TAX APPEALS BUREAU STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

April 8, 1977

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

457-1723

TELEPHONE: (518)\_

Paul Brock d/b/a Paul Novelty Company Whitehall, New York 12887

### Dear Mr. Brock:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) **1139 and 1243** 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.

Very truly yours

Enc.

Frank J. Puccia Supervisor of Small Claims Hearings

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

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### STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application : of : PAUL BROCK, d/b/a PAUL NOVELTY CO. : for Revision of a Determination or for : Refund of Sales and Use Taxes under Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for : the Period December 1, 1967 through August 31, 1971. :

DETERMINATION

Applicant, Paul Brock, d/b/a Paul Novelty Company, Whitehall, New York 12887, filed an application for revision of a determination or for refund of sales and use taxes under Articles 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the period December 1, 1967 through August 31, 1971. (Identification No. 14-1288352).

A small claims hearing was held November 8, 1976 at 9:15 A.M. at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Building #9, State Campus, Albany, New York, before Harry Huebsch, Hearing Officer. The applicant, Paul Brock, appeared <u>pro se</u>. The Sales Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (Harris Sitrin, Esq., of counsel).

## ISSUE

Whether or not a refund can be granted for sales and use taxes concededly overpaid where the claim for credit or refund was not timely filed?

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Applicant, Paul Brock, d/b/a Paul Novelty Company, was engaged in the sale of cigarettes to the public through vending machines. For the period in question, December 1, 1967 through August 31, 1971, taxable sales were overstated on Forms ST-100 and the sales tax due was thereby also overstated.

2. On December 14, 1974, applicant, Paul Brock, d/b/a Paul Novelty Company, filed an application for credit or refund for the period December 1, 1967, through August 31, 1971, requesting a refund of sales taxes overpaid in the amount of \$4,942.83.

3. The Sales Tax Bureau issued a denial of refund dated January 29, 1975 because the application for credit or refund was filed beyond the three year-requirement period in accordance with section 1139(a) of the Tax Law.

4. Applicant, Paul Brock, d/b/a Paul Novelty Company, contended that taxable sales and sales tax due were overstated due to the negligence of the Sales Tax Bureau in failing to properly instruct him as to the proper computations involved and therefore the threeyear statute of limitations should be mitigated.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That section 1139(a) of the Tax Law does not permit the authorization of a refund of the sales taxes here in dispute.

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B. That the application of Paul Brock, d/b/a Paul Novelty Company, is denied and the refund denial dated January 29, 1975 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York April 8, 1977 STATE TAX COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER