In the Matter of the Petition

of

Manzari's, Inc.

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Sales & Use Tax under Article 28 & 29 of the Tax Law for the Period 9/1/73 - 5/31/76.

State of New York County of Albany

Jay Vredenburg, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 3rd day of October, 1980, he served the within notice of Decision by mail upon Manzari's, Inc., the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Manzari's, Inc.

Rt. 17K

Montgomery, NY

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 petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the petitioner.

Sworn to before me this 3rd day of October, 1980.

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Mr. Norman Shapiro 50 N. Church St. Goshen, NY 10924

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 of the 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 3rd day of October, 1980.

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STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

October 3, 1980

Manzari's, Inc. Rt. 17K Montgomery, NY

Gentlemen:

Please take notice of the Decision of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 1138 & 1243 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to:

NYS Dept. Taxation and Finance Deputy Commissioner and Counsel Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 457-6240

Very truly yours,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Petitioner's Representative
 Norman Shapiro
 50 N. Church St.
 Goshen, NY 10924
 Taxing Bureau's Representative

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MANZARI'S, INC.

DECISION

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 September 1, 1973 through May 31, 1976.

Petitioner, Manzari's, Inc., Rt. 17K, Montgomery, New York filed a petition for revision of a determination or for refund of sales and use taxes under Article 28 and 29 of the Tax Law for the period September 1, 1973 through May 31, 1976 (File No. 17195).

A small claims hearing was held before William Valcarcel, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on August 20, 1979 at 2:45 P.M. Petitioner appeared by Norman Shapiro, Esq. The Audit Division appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (A. Schwadron, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUES

- I. Whether campers, travel trailers and motor homes are "motor vehicles" subject to the tax imposed by the locality where the purchaser resides.
- II. Whether petitioner is required to collect the locality tax on its sales of items described above.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner, Manzari's, Inc., a New York State corporation, is a registered vendor engaged in the retail sale and service of motor homes, traval trailers, campers, boats and related accessory items.

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- 2. Petitioner filed New York State sales tax returns for the period September 1, 1973 through May 31, 1976.
- 3. On December 15, 1976, as the result of a field audit, the Audit Division issued a Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due against petitioner, Manzari's, Inc., for the period September 1, 1973 through May 31, 1976 for tax due of \$12,549.94, plus penalty and interest of \$4,563.37, for a total due of \$17,113.31.
- 4. On audit, the Audit Division determined that petitioner was collecting the New York State sales tax of 4 percent on sales of motor homes, travel trailers and campers, but failed to collect and remit local tax from customers who resided in areas where a local tax was imposed. The Audit Division reviewed all the sales invoices for the audit period to determine the locality additional tax due of \$12,549.94.
- 5. Applicant contended the campers, travel trailers and motor homes at issue are not "motor vehicles" but are items of personal property designed for recreational purposes.
- 6. Based on section 125 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Audit Division determined the motor homes, which were self propelled, were motor vehicles, and based on section 156 of the same law, the campers and travel trailers, which were towed by a motor vehicle by a rigid support, were trailers and both were subject to the tax.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That section 125 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law defines a motor vehicle as every vehicle operated or driven upon a public highway and section 156 of the same law defines a trailer as any vehicle not propelled by its own power and is drawn on a public highway by a motor vehicle.

- B. That section 1214(c) of the Tax Law states the term "motor vehicle" shall include a motor vehicle as defined in section 125 of the vehicle and traffic law and a trailer as defined in section 156 of such law.
- C. That motor homes, campers and travel trailers are motor vehicles in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 1214(c) of the Tax Law and are subject to the locality tax under section 1214(a) (3) of the Tax Law.
- D. That applicant is required to collect the locality tax pursuant to section 1254(a) of the Tax Law.
- E. That the application of Manzari's, Inc. is denied and the Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes Due issued December 15, 1975 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York

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