STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of Hair and Nails, Inc.

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or Revision of a Determination or Refund of Sales & Use Tax under Article 28 & 29 of the Tax Law for the Period 3/1/79-8/31/82.

State of New York : ss.: County of Albany :

David Parchuck, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an employee of the State Tax Commission, that he is over 18 years of age, and that on the 7th day of November, 1985, he served the within notice of Decision by certified mail upon Hair and Nails, Inc., the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Hair and Nails, Inc. 1655 E. 14 Street Brooklyn, NY 11229

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a post office 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 7th day of November, 1985.

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Harry Lewis 299 Broadway New York, NY 10007

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

November 7, 1985

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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 of the Tax Law, a proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission may be instituted only under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law 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 Law Bureau - Litigation Unit Building #9, State Campus Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 457-2070

Very truly yours,

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cc: Petitioner's Representative Harry Lewis 299 Broadway New York, NY 10007 Taxing Bureau's Representative

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#### ISSUES

I. Whether the Audit Division properly determined additional sales taxes due from Retlaw Novelties, Inc., a bulk sale seller.

II. If so, whether the Audit Division is required to take action against the aforesaid bulk sale seller prior to seeking to obtain sales taxes due from petitioner, the bulk sale purchaser.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On November 18, 1982, the Audit division issued to petitioner, Hair and Nails, Inc., a Notice of Determination and Demand for Payment of Sales and Use Taxes for taxes of \$5,830.80, plus penalty of \$1,142.70 and interest of \$1,274.77, for a total amount due of \$8,248.27 for the period March 1, 1979 through August 31, 1982. The notice contained the following explanation:

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2. On January 18, 1983, the petitioner timely filed a petition for a hearing to review the notice of determination. It is the position of petitioner that the Audit Division incorrectly determined the additional taxes due from Retlaw Novelties, Inc. ("Retlaw") and, further, that the Audit Division is required to attempt to collect the taxes allegedly due from Retlaw, the bulk sale seller, before seeking to collect said taxes from the petitioner, the bulk sale purchaser.

3. It is the position of the Audit Division that the taxes due from Retlaw were based on the type and location of the business and are therefore correct and that they are not required to collect against a bulk sale seller prior to seeking to collect from a bulk sale purchaser.

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6. On September 13, 1982, the Audit Division sent a Notice to the Seller wherein it requested Retlaw to submit specific information in order that the Audit Division could determine Retlaw's sales tax liability. When Retlaw failed to respond to the Audit Division's request for information, the Audit Division issued the notice of determination against the petitioner. The taxes due were subsequently reduced to \$5,631.84 as petitioner filed a sales tax return for the period July 16 through August 31, 1982 showing a tax due of \$198.96.

7. At the hearing, the Audit Division offered no evidence of the basis for issuing the notice of determination or the method used to compute the additional taxes determined to be due.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That section 1138(a)(1) of the Tax Law provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

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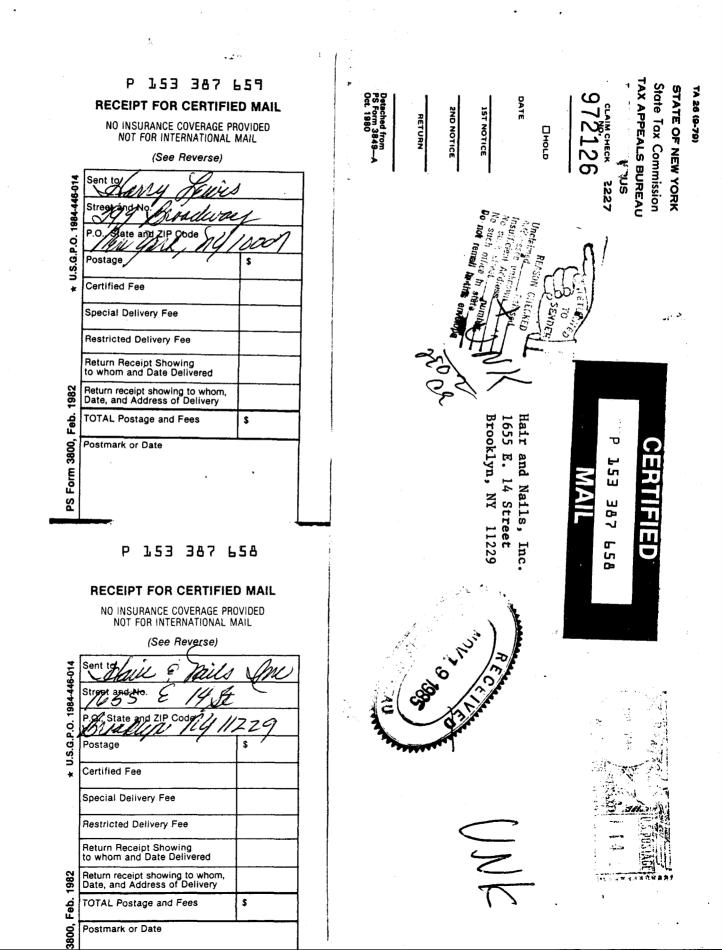
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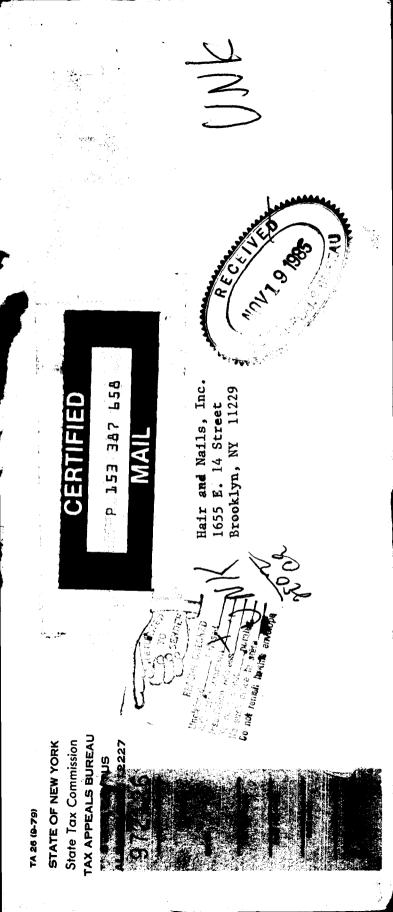
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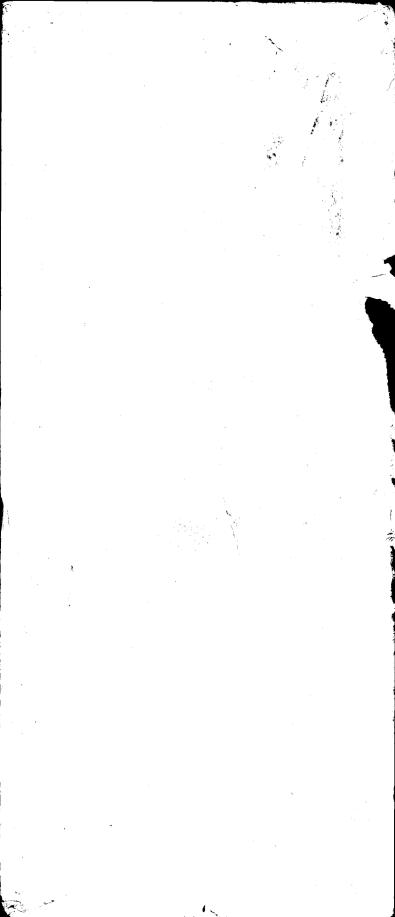
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# State of New York - Department of Taxation and Finance Tax Appeals Bureau

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Please find most recent address of taxpayer described below; return to person named above.

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