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Due to numerous similar questions raised by remote sellers, we are sending the following guidance to you to clarify how you should use sales tax guidance published by 3rd party tax information companies.

As you are aware, there is no statewide sales tax in AK. Sales tax in AK is only at the local level. Many tax information companies publish exemption information and specific product taxation guidance, but only publish this guidance for the state level.

Using the state level information for determining taxability in AK will likely result in your company incorrectly taxing or exempted transactions that are subject to local AK sales tax. In general, at the local level, all sales are taxable unless the local jurisdiction has a specific exemption in place. The ARSSTC maintains a database of allowed exemption categories for its member jurisdictions and can provide your company an overview of category-specific exemption rules for its member jurisdictions.

If you have based your tax settings on any of this 3rd party guidance, please verify if your source for your tax settings/information is publishing statewide guidance, or guidance for local Alaskan taxing jurisdictions.

Please to contact the ARSSTC directly at amstp@akml.org or 907-790-5300 if you need confirmation of how local Alaskan taxing jurisdictions treat your specific sales categories.

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