

WAC 458-20-142 Photographic equipment and supplies. Sales of tangible personal property by a photographic supply house to persons who purchase such property for personal consumption or use are subject to the retail sales tax. Illustrative of such sales are the following:

Photographic films, paper, chemicals, frames, repair parts for cameras and other equipment sold to customers for personal use.

X-ray materials and equipment sold to doctors, dentists, hospitals, dental and X-ray laboratories.

Equipment sold to photofinishers, portrait and commercial photographers and photoengravers such as cameras, lenses, backgrounds, graduates, trays, utensils, lamps, retouching dope, leads, pencils and sundry materials which do not become an ingredient or component part of the pictures produced for sale.

Photographic films, chemicals and equipment sold to a newspaper publisher.

Photographic films sold to portrait and commercial photographers for use in their business.

Sales of tangible personal property by a photographic supply house to persons who resell such property in the regular course of business or consume the same in producing for sale a new article of which such property is an ingredient or component, or a chemical used in processing the same, are not subject to the retail sales tax. Illustrative of such sales are the following:

Photographic films, photo mailers, cameras, art-corners, etc., sold to a dealer or photographer for the purpose of resale;

Photographic paper, mounts, frames, adhesives, card board, oil and water colors, India ink sold to a photofinisher, portrait or commercial photographer or photoengraver to be used in producing photographic prints for sale.

Envelopes, paper and twine sold to a photographer or photofinisher for use in delivering photographic prints sold.

Chemicals, such as developing agents, fixing agents, etc., sold to a photofinisher, portrait or commercial photographer or photoengraver, which chemicals are used in producing pictures for sale.

The retail sales tax applies upon the charge made for repairing cameras and other equipment, the retouching or alteration of photographs or films, when done for consumers.

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