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**IMPORTANT FILING DEADLINE INFORMATION**

HONOLULU—For most taxpayers, semiannual general excise/use, transient accommodations, and rental motor vehicle and tour vehicle surcharge tax returns for the period ending June 30, 2003, are due, as usual, on Thursday, July 31, 2003.

Only those taxpayers affected by the delayed printing of tax return forms booklets announced earlier this month by the Department may file their semiannual return by August 21, 2003, without being assessed any penalty and interest charges.

The Department of Taxation has received inquiries from tax practitioners and taxpayers who concluded based on media reports that the deadline for all semiannual filers was August 21, 2003. The Department wishes to clarify that the filing deadline has not changed for taxpayers who were not affected by the booklet printing delay; semiannual returns for these taxpayers should be filed and the tax due paid by July 31, 2003.

However, because the printing and mailing of some booklets was delayed when the initial computer run to generate the booklet printing information was interrupted, the Department will automatically waive penalty and interest charges for failing to timely file semiannual tax returns due on July 31, 2003, but only if all of the following requirements are met:

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- The taxpayer currently files semiannual periodic returns;
- The taxpayer is on the Department's list of affected taxpayers;
- The taxpayer files the return on or before Thursday, August 21, 2003;
- The taxpayer makes full payment of the taxes due on the return on or before Thursday, August 21, 2003, AND
- The taxpayer otherwise complies with the tax laws.

Taxpayers who are not on the Department's list of affected taxpayers are not eligible for this waiver, and must file their semiannual return and pay the tax due on or before the July 31<sup>st</sup> filing deadline to avoid penalty and interest charges.

The list of license numbers affected by the printing delay is available on the Department's website at <http://www.state.hi.us/tax/>. If you don't remember your license number, click on the "Search the Tax Licenses" link to look it up on the Department of Taxation's website.

The total list is divided into two parts for ease of use. [Part 1](#) contains affected license numbers between 10000036 and 10420820. [Part 2](#) contains affected license numbers between 10420832 and 10569703.

Persons who need assistance finding out if they are on the list of affected taxpayers, do not know their tax license number, or do not receive their forms booklet by the end of this week, should call the Department's Taxpayer Services Branch during business hours at 587-4242, or toll-free at 1-800-222-3229. The Taxpayer Services Branch may also be e-mailed at [Taxpayer\\_Services@tax.state.hi.us](mailto:Taxpayer_Services@tax.state.hi.us).

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