Complete the Form ST-7 below, detach it and mail it with your payment to:

## Virginia Department of Taxation

P.O. Box 26627

Richmond, VA 23261-6627
To help you complete your return, Form ST-7A, Virginia Business Consumer's Use Tax Return Worksheet and Instructions is available for your use. If you need to report taxes from more than one locality, use Form ST-6B, Schedule of Local Use Taxes.

Forms and instructions are available for download from our web site, www.tax.virginia.gov, or by calling 804-440-2541.
DO NOT send the Worksheet (ST-7A). It should be maintained as part of your records.

## Important

Fast Food Establishments/Restaurants
Food sold by a retail establishment, whose gross receipts derived from the sale of food for immediate consumption, constitutes more than $80 \%$ of the total gross receipts of the establishment is not eligible for the reduced rate. For purposes of determining the " $80 \%$ rule", a retail establishment includes motor fuel sales in determining their total gross receipts.

## Definition of Qualifying Food

Food for home consumption by humans, as defined under the Food Stamp Act of 1977, 7 U.S.C. § 2012, qualifies for the reduced sales tax rate. The definition includes most staple grocery food items and cold prepared foods packaged for home consumption. Specifically excluded from the definition of food for home consumption are alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and prepared hot foods sold for immediate consumption on and off the premises. The reduced sales and use tax rate does not apply to seeds and plants which produce food for human consumption. More information is provided in Tax Bulletin 05-7, Food Tax Rate Reduction, available on the website www.policylibrary.tax.virginia.gov/OTP/Policy.nsf

## Tax Rates:

## Line 1, Column c - State - Qualifying Food Use Tax Rate

- For purchases made on or after July 1, 2005, use the rate of $\mathbf{1 . 5 \%}$ (.015).
- For purchases made on or prior to June 30, 2005, use the rate of 3\% (.03).

Line 2, Column c - State - General Use Tax Rate

- For purchases made on or after September 1, 2004 and before July 1, 2013, use the rate of 4\% (.04).
- For purchases made on or prior to August 31, 2004, use the rate of 3.5\% (.035).


## Detach at dotted line below. DO NOT SEND ENTIRE PAGE

## FORM ST-7 Virginia Business Consumer's Use Tax Return

$\qquad$ For Period

City or County of Use or Consumption $\qquad$


## Account Number

Name
Address

## City, State, ZIP

I declare that this return (including accompanying schedules and statements) has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete.

| (a) <br> Item and Tax Rate | (b) <br> Cost Price |  | (c) <br> Tax |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. State - Qualifying <br> Food Use See Above |  |  |  |  |
| 2. State - General <br> Use See Above |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Local Use (1\%) |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Total Tax |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Penalty |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Interest |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Total Amount Due |  |  |  |  |

## Virginia Business Consumer's Use Tax Return Worksheet And Instructions

- Read instructions on reverse side before preparing this worksheet.
- Transfer lines indicated by the arrows to the corresponding line number on Form ST-7, Virginia Business Consumer's Use Tax Return.
- For assistance, call (804) 367-8037.

Dealer's Name
Address $\qquad$
Acct. Number
Filing Period $\qquad$

| Name and Address of Seller | Description of Property Purchased | Date of Purchase | Cost Price of Property <br> Purchased |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |


| (a) <br> Item | (b) Cost Price | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (c) } \\ & \text { Tax } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. State Qualifying Food Use Tax <br> Enter in Column (b) the total cost price of the purchases qualifying as eligible food sold for home consumption that is subject to the reduced use tax rate. <br> Enter in Column (c) the tax computed by multiplying the amount in Line 1, Column (b) by: <br> - For purchases made on or after July 1, 2005, the rate of 1.5\% (.015) <br> - For purchases made on or prior to June 30, 2005, the rate of 3\% (.03) <br> Enter these amounts in the same columns on Form ST-7, Line 1. |  |  |
| 2. State General Use Tax <br> Enter in Column (b) the total cost price of the purchases other than eligible food subject to the general use tax rate. <br> Enter in Column (c) the tax computed by multiplying the amount in Line 2, Column (b) by: <br> - For purchases made on or after September 1, 2004, the rate of 4\% (.04) <br> - For purchases made on or prior to August 31, 2004, the rate of 3.5\% (.035) <br> Enter these amounts in the same columns on Form ST-7, Line 2. |  |  |
| 3. Local Use Tax <br> Enter in Column (b) the total cost price of all purchases subject to the local use tax rate (Line 1, Column (b) plus Line 2, Column (b). <br> Enter in Column (c) the tax computed by multiplying the amount in Line 3, Column (b) by $\mathbf{1 \%}$ (.01) <br> Enter these amounts in the same columns on Form ST-7, Line 3. |  |  |
| 4. Total Tax <br> Enter the total tax due (Line 1, Column (c) plus Line 2, Column (c) plus Line 3, Column (c). Enter these amounts in the same columns on Form ST-7, Line 4. |  |  |
| 5. Penalty <br> See instructions. <br> Enter this amount on Form ST-7, Line 5. |  |  |
| 6. Interest <br> See instructions. <br> Enter this amount on Form ST-7, Line 6. |  |  |
| 7. Total Amount Due <br> Enter the total of Lines 4, 5 and 6 (Line 4, Column (c) plus Line 5, Column (c) plus Line 6, Column (c). <br> Enter this amount on Form ST-7, Line 7. |  |  |

## Instructions For Business Consumer’s Use Tax Return and Worksheet

## What's New

The state sales and use tax rate on sales of food for home consumption decreased from $3 \%$ to $1.5 \%$ effective July 1, 2005. This change will result in a combined state and local tax rate of 2.5\% (1.5\% state tax and 1\% local tax). For additional information about new sales and use tax laws, visit our web site at www.tax.virginia.gov.

## General

The use tax applies to the use, consumption or storage of tangible personal property in Virginia when the Virginia sales or use tax was not paid at the time of purchase. The use tax is computed on the cost price of the property, which is the total amount for which the property was purchased, including any services that are a part of the purchase, valued in money or otherwise, and includes any amount for which credit is given the purchaser or lessee by the seller.

One-half of the charge for maintenance contracts that provide for both parts and labor is exempt. On Lines 2 and 3 , along with other taxable purchases, enter $50 \%$ of the cost price of such contracts purchased during this period.

This form is for use by businesses, including partnerships and sole proprietorships. Individuals not operating a business should file an annual consumer's use tax return, Form CU-7.

Filing: A Business Consumer's Use Tax Return, Form ST-7, must be filed on or before the 20th day of the month following the period in which the use tax liability was incurred. Returns are not required to be filed for periods in which no use tax is due.

Mail with Form ST-7 and Form ST-6B, if applicable, with your payment to the Department of Taxation, P.O. Box 26627, Richmond, Virginia 23261-6627, or deliver to your local commissioner of the revenue or treasurer, as soon as possible after the close of the reporting period but not later than the 20th day of the following month. Payments returned by the bank will be subject to a returned payment fee in addition to any other penalties that may be incurred.

Questions: If you have questions, please call (804) 367-8037 or write the Virginia Department of Taxation, P.O. Box 1115, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1115.

Most Virginia tax forms can be obtained from the Department's web site, www.tax.virginia.gov, or by calling the Department's Forms Request Unit at (804) 367-8037

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## Preparation Of Consumer's Use Tax Return Worksheet

- Instructions for lines not mentioned below are on the worksheet.
- Use the worksheet to compute your consumer use tax liability.
- After completing the worksheet, copy the information onto the ST-7 Consumer's Use Tax Return.
- Retain the worksheet for your records.
- List all tangible personal property subject to the tax during the period covered by the return in the section above the worksheet.

Line 1 - Enter on Line 1, column (b) the total cost price of the purchases qualifying as eligible food sold for home consumption that is subject to the reduced state use tax rate. Enter the tax on Line 1, Column (c).
Line 2 - Enter on Line 2, Column (b), the cost price of purchases, other than eligible food, that is subject to the state general use tax. Enter the tax in Column (c).
Line 3 - Enter on Line 3, Column (b) the total cost price of all purchases subject to local use tax [Line 1, Column (b) plus Line 2, Column (b)]. Enter the tax in Column (c).
Line 5 - Enter on Line 5, penalty if you file the return and/or pay the tax after the due date. The penalty for failure to file and/or pay on time is $6 \%$ of the tax due (Line 4) for each month, or part of a month, that the tax is not paid, not to exceed $30 \%$. The minimum penalty is $\$ 10.00$.
Line 6 - Enter on Line 6, interest if you file the return and/or pay the tax after the due date. Interest is computed on the tax due on Line 4 at the rate established in Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended plus $2 \%$.

## Preparation Of Schedule Of Local Use Taxes (Form ST-6B)

You should file this schedule only if the Local Use Tax reported on Form ST-7 is due to more than one locality. When this occurs, enter "See Attached" in Block labeled "City or County of Use or Consumption" on Form ST-7 and complete Form ST-6B as follows:

Enter name, address, account number and the filing period in the block in the upper right hand corner. In the column headed "Tax" and on the same line with the appropriate city or county, enter local tax applicable to that locality. Any tax that you are unable to assign accurately should be entered on the "Unassigned" Line. The total local use tax reported on this form must agree with the entry on Line 4, Column (c) on Form ST-7.

Form ST-6B Virginia Schedule of Local Taxes
Do NOT staple.

Name
Address


