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TAX APPLICATION - VETERINARY SUPPLIES

On April 10, 1991, as a result of changes announced in the provincial budget by the Minister of Finance, the general exemption on medicaments was removed and all such items became taxable and subject to the 10% provincial revenue tax (PST).

Section 12(1)(h.2) of the *Revenue Tax Act* states; "a consumer is not liable to pay the tax in respect of the consumption of the following goods: drugs and medicines, when purchased on the prescription of a medical practitioner, dentist or veterinarian."

This means all drugs and medicines sold on the prescription of a veterinarian are exempt from revenue tax (PST). All other drugs, medicines and supplies sold over the counter or off the shelf without the requirement of a prescription are taxable and are subject to the 10% revenue tax (PST).

Full time farmers may purchase veterinary supplies as outlined in Section 25 of the *Revenue Tax Act Regulations* tax exempt whether purchased on a prescription or not. (See Revenue Tax Guide [RTG:109 - Tax Exemptions For Farmers](#)).

All non-prescription drugs, non-prescription medicines, and veterinarian supplies sold over the counter to any person other than a full time farmer are taxable and the revenue tax (PST) must be added to the price of the item including GST where applicable.

Further Information

For copies of the *Revenue Tax Act*, *Revenue Administration Act* and Regulations and any inquiries regarding this Revenue Tax Guide, please contact:

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