

701—214.21(423) Warehousing of raw agricultural products.

214.21(1) *In general.* The sales price on the warehousing of raw agricultural products is subject to sales tax unless the warehousing of raw agricultural products is storage in transit and has a destination outside of Iowa, regardless of whether the raw agricultural products originated within or outside of Iowa. Because the tax imposed by Iowa Code section 423.2(6) “ax” is imposed on the warehousing and not the sale of raw agricultural products, the interstate commerce exceptions found in Iowa Code section 423.3 do not apply.

214.21(2) *Definition.* For purposes of this rule:

“*Raw agricultural products*” includes but is not limited to corn, beans, oats, milo, fruits, vegetables, animal semen, and like items that have not been subjected to any form of processing. For purposes of this rule, grain drying is not considered processing.

214.21(3) *Other charges.* Other charges relating to warehousing of raw agricultural products may be subject to sales tax when separately invoiced. 701—Chapter 206 contains more information about bundled transactions.

214.21(4) *Transit warehouses.* The warehousing of raw agricultural products to be delivered within Iowa is subject to sales tax, while the warehousing of those products placed into interstate commerce is not subject to sales tax.

a. Formula. Transit warehouses may compute the tax on warehousing fees based upon a formula consisting of a numerator that is the quantity of raw agricultural products housed at the warehouse with intended intrastate delivery in Iowa and a denominator that is the total quantity of raw agricultural products housed in the warehouse.

b. Definition. For purposes of this rule:

“*Transit warehouses*” are those warehouses where raw agricultural products in bulk quantities are transported to and then shipped to different locations at different times.

c. Numerator. Raw agricultural products picked up at the warehouse or delivered to a location in Iowa must be included in the numerator, even if the products may be or are subsequently delivered to a common carrier for shipment outside of Iowa.

d. Information used to calculate tax. The information used in the formula for the computation of tax on storage fees must be, in most cases, supplied by the principal storing the products in the warehouse. The warehouse is responsible for acquiring and verifying the information used in the formula with the principal at least once every 90 days.

214.21(5) *Exemptions.* Warehousing service will not be subject to sales tax if a contract for the warehousing of raw agricultural products is with a tax-certifying or tax-levying body of the state of Iowa; any instrumentality of the state, county, or municipal government; the federal government or its instrumentalities; a tribal government as defined in Iowa Code section 216A.161; or an agency or instrumentality of a tribal government if used for public purposes.

a. Consignment to federal government. Fees for the warehousing of raw agricultural products placed into storage by a producer that are later consigned to the federal government under a loan agreement are subject to sales tax.

b. Federal government activity. Warehousing of raw agricultural products is exempt from sales tax only if the federal government makes payment to the warehouse for warehousing and the federal government actually owns the products or goods during the time the products or goods are warehoused.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 423.2(6) “ax” and 423.3(31).

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