

701—12.16(422) Show sponsor liability. Persons sponsoring flea markets or craft, antique, coin, stamp shows, or similar events are, under certain circumstances, liable for payment of sales tax, interest, and penalty due and owing from any retailer selling property or services at the event. Included within the meaning of the term “similar event” is any show at which guns or collectibles, e.g., depression glassware or comic books, are sold or traded. To avoid liability, sponsors of these events must obtain from retailers appearing at the events proof that a retailer possesses a valid Iowa sales tax permit or a statement from the retailer, taken in good faith, that the property or service which the retailer offers for sale is not subject to sales tax. “Good faith” may demand that the sponsor inquire into the nature of the property or service sold or why the retailer believes the property or services for sale to be exempt from tax. A sponsor who fails to take these measures assumes all of the liabilities of a retailer. This includes not only the obligation to pay tax, penalty, and interest, but also to keep the records required of a retailer and to file returns.

Excluded from the requirements of this rule and from sponsor liability are organizations which sponsor events fewer than three times a year and state, county, or district agricultural fairs.

This rule is intended to implement the requirements of Iowa Code section 422.52.