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RE: Act 160, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, Relating to Section 237-24.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes

On June 21, 2013, Governor Neil Abercrombie signed into law Senate Bill 1193, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as Act 160, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. (Act 160) Act 160 applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013.

Act 160 amends Section 237-24.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by deleting paragraph (2). Deletion of this paragraph removes the exemption from the General Excise Tax for amounts received from the sales of alcohol, cigarettes and tobacco products, and agricultural, meat and fish products to common carriers for consumption out of state on the common carrier's vessels or airplanes. Amounts received from these sales will no longer be exempt from the General Excise Tax for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

For more information on this issue, please contact the Rules Office at 808-587-1577 or by e-mail at Tax.Rules.Office@hawaii.gov.

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