

**297A.71 CONSTRUCTION EXEMPTIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The gross receipts from the sale of, and storage, distribution, use, or consumption of the tangible personal property contained in this section are specifically exempted from the taxes imposed by this chapter. Building materials, equipment, and supplies and other items exempt under this section are exempt regardless of whether purchased by the owner or a contractor, subcontractor, or builder.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1Sp2001 c 5 art 12 s 95]

Subd. 3. **Correctional facilities.** Building materials and supplies for constructing or improving an adult or juvenile correctional facility by a county, home rule charter city, or statutory city are exempt if the project is mandated by state or federal law, rule, or regulation. The tax must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied and then refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 2014 c 308 art 9 s 94]

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 2014 c 308 art 9 s 94]

Subd. 6. **Business incubator and industrial park.** Building materials and supplies for construction of a facility that includes a business incubator and industrial park are exempt if the facility:

(1) is owned and operated by a nonprofit charitable organization that qualifies for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(2) is used for the development of nonretail businesses, offering access to equipment, space, services, and advice to the tenant businesses, for the purpose of encouraging economic development and job creation in the area served by the organization, and emphasizes development of businesses that manufacture products from materials found in the waste stream, or manufacture alternative energy and conservation systems, or make use of emerging environmental technologies;

(3) includes in its structure systems of material and energy exchanges that use waste products from one industrial process as sources of energy and material for other processes; and

(4) makes use of solar and wind energy technology and incorporates salvaged materials in its construction.

A limited liability company also qualifies for exemption under this subdivision if (1) it consists of a sole member that would qualify for the exemption, and (2) the items purchased qualify for the exemption.

Subd. 7. [Repealed, 2014 c 308 art 9 s 94]

Subd. 8. **Wood waste cogeneration facility.** Building materials and supplies for constructing, equipping, or modifying a district heating and cooling system cogeneration facility are exempt if the facility:

(1) utilizes wood waste as a primary fuel source; and

(2) satisfies the requirements of the biomass mandate in section 216B.2424, subdivision 5.

Subd. 9. [Repealed, 2014 c 308 art 9 s 94]

Subd. 10. [Repealed, 2014 c 308 art 9 s 94]

Subd. 11. **Building materials; disabled veterans.** Building materials to be used in the construction or remodeling of a residence are exempt when the construction or remodeling is financed in whole or in part by the United States in accordance with United States Code, title 38, sections 2101 to 2105. The tax must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied and then refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75.

Subd. 12. **Chair lifts, ramps, elevators.** Elevators and building materials used to install or construct chair lifts, ramps, and elevators are exempt, if they are authorized by a physician and installed in or attached to the owner's homestead. The tax must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied and then refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75.

Subd. 13. **Agriculture processing facility materials.** Building materials and supplies for constructing an agriculture processing facility as defined in section 469.1811 in which the total capital investment in the processing facility is expected to exceed \$100,000,000 are exempt. The tax must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied, and then refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75.

Subd. 14. **Mineral production facilities.** Building materials, equipment, and supplies used for the construction of the following mineral production facilities are exempt.

The mineral production facilities that qualify for this exemption are:

(1) a value added iron products plant, which may be either a new plant or a facility incorporated into an existing plant that produces iron upgraded to a minimum of 75 percent iron content or any iron alloy with a total minimum metallic content of 90 percent;

(2) a facility used for the manufacture of fluxed taconite pellets as defined in section 298.24;

(3) a new capital project that has a total cost of over \$40,000,000 that is directly related to production, cost, or quality at an existing taconite facility that does not qualify under clause (1) or (2); and

(4) a new mine or minerals processing plant for any mineral subject to the net proceeds tax imposed under section 298.015.

The tax must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied, and then refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75.

Subd. 15. [Repealed, 1Sp2001 c 5 art 12 s 95]

Subd. 16. [Repealed, 1Sp2001 c 5 art 12 s 9; 2002 c 377 art 3 s 24]

Subd. 17. [Repealed, 2014 c 308 art 9 s 94]

Subd. 18. [Repealed, 2014 c 308 art 9 s 94]

Subd. 19. MS 2006 [Expired]

Subd. 20. [Repealed, 2014 c 308 art 9 s 94]

Subd. 21. MS 2004 [Expired]

Subd. 22. **Materials used to make residential property disabled accessible.** Building materials and equipment sold to, or stored, used, or consumed by, a nonprofit organization are exempt if:

(1) the materials and equipment are used or incorporated into modifying an existing residential structure to make it disabled accessible; and

(2) the materials and equipment used in the modification would qualify for an exemption under either subdivision 11 or 12 if made by the current owner of the residence.

For purposes of this subdivision, "nonprofit organization" means any nonprofit corporation, society, association, foundation, or institution organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or civic purposes; or a veterans' group exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c), clause (19), of the Internal Revenue Code.

Subd. 23. **Construction materials for qualified low-income housing projects.** (a) Purchases of materials and supplies used or consumed in and equipment incorporated into the construction, improvement, or expansion of qualified low-income housing projects are exempt from the tax imposed under this chapter if the owner of the qualified low-income housing project is:

(1) the public housing agency or housing and redevelopment authority of a political subdivision;

(2) an entity exercising the powers of a housing and redevelopment authority within a political subdivision;

(3) a limited partnership in which the sole or managing general partner is an authority under clause (1) or an entity under clause (2), (4), or (5);

(4) a nonprofit corporation subject to the provisions of chapter 317A, and qualifying under section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(5) a limited liability company if it consists of a sole member that is an entity under clause (4); or

(6) an owner entity, as defined in Code of Federal Regulations, title 24, part 941.604, for a qualified low-income housing project described in paragraph (b), clause (5).

This exemption applies regardless of whether the purchases are made by the owner of the facility or a contractor.

(b) For purposes of this exemption, "qualified low-income housing project" means:

(1) a housing or mixed use project in which at least 20 percent of the residential units are qualifying low-income rental housing units as defined in section 273.128;

(2) a federally assisted low-income housing project financed by a mortgage insured or held by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under United States Code, title 12, section 1701s, 1715l(d)(3), 1715l(d)(4), or 1715z-1; United States Code, title 42, section 1437f; the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, United States Code, title 25, section 4101 et seq.; or any similar successor federal low-income housing program;

(3) a qualified low-income housing project as defined in United States Code, title 26, section 42(g), meeting all of the requirements for a low-income housing credit under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code regardless of whether the project actually applies for or receives a low-income housing credit;

(4) a project that will be operated in compliance with Internal Revenue Service revenue procedure 96-32; or

(5) a housing or mixed use project in which all or a portion of the residential units are subject to the requirements of section 5 of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

(c) For a project, a portion of which is not used for low-income housing units, the amount of purchases that are exempt under this subdivision must be determined by multiplying the total purchases, as specified in paragraph (a), by the ratio of:

(1) the total gross square footage of units subject to the income limits under section 273.128, the financing for the project, the federal low-income housing tax credit, revenue procedure 96-32, or section 5 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as applicable to the project; and

(2) the total gross square footage of all units in the project.

(d) The tax must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied, and then refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75.

Subd. 24. [Expired]

Subd. 25. MS 2006 [Expired]

Subd. 26. [Expired]

Subd. 27. [Expired]

Subd. 28. [Expired]

Subd. 29. [Expired]

Subd. 30. MS 2006 [Expired]

Subd. 31. [Repealed, 2006 c 257 s 23]

Subd. 32. [Repealed, 2014 c 308 art 9 s 94]

Subd. 33. MS 2008 [Expired, 2005 1Sp2003 art 5 s 14; 2006 c 259 art 3 s 5]

Subd. 34. **Waste recovery facility.** Materials and supplies used or consumed in, and equipment incorporated into, the construction, improvement, or expansion of a waste-to-energy resource recovery facility are exempt if the facility uses biomass or mixed municipal solid waste as a primary fuel to generate steam or electricity.

Subd. 35. **Municipal utilities.** Materials and supplies used or consumed in, and equipment incorporated into, the construction, improvement, or expansion of electric generation and related facilities used pursuant to a joint power purchase agreement to meet the biomass energy mandate in section 216B.2424 are exempt if the owner or owners of the facilities are a municipal electric utility or utilities or a joint venture of municipal electric utilities. The tax must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied and then refunded under section 297A.75.

Subd. 36. MS 2006 [Expired]

Subd. 37. MS 2008 [Expired, 2006 c 247 s 12]

Subd. 38. MS 2012 [Expired]

Subd. 39. MS 2008 [Expired, 2006 c 259 art 3 s 2; 2010 c 389 art 4 s 7]

Subd. 40. **Construction materials; Central Corridor light rail transit.** Materials and supplies used or consumed in, and equipment incorporated into, the construction or improvement of the Central Corridor light rail transit line and associated facilities including, but not limited to, stations, park-and-ride facilities, and maintenance facilities, are exempt. The tax must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied and then refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75. Refunds must not be applied for or issued until after July 1, 2009.

Subd. 41. [Repealed, 2014 c 308 art 9 s 94]

Subd. 42. **Aerospace defense manufacturing facility.** (a) Materials and supplies used or consumed in, capital equipment incorporated into, and privately owned infrastructure in support of the construction, improvement, or expansion of an aerospace defense manufacturing facility are exempt if:

(1) the facility is used for the manufacturing of aerospace or defense-related sensors and the production of micro-electro-mechanical systems; and

(2) the total capital investment made at the facility is at least \$59,000,000.

(b) The tax must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied, and refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75, only after the following criteria have been met:

(1) a refund may not be issued until the owner of the aerospace defense manufacturing facility has received certification from the Department of Employment and Economic Development that the aerospace defense manufacturing facility employs no less than 1,653 full-time equivalent workers within the state, and has made a total capital investment of at least \$59,000,000;

(2) for each year that the owner of the aerospace defense manufacturing facility receives certification from the Department of Employment and Economic Development that no less than 1,653 full-time equivalent worker residents are employed workers within the state, the refund may be issued to the owner of the aerospace defense manufacturing facility at a rate of 25 percent of the total allowable refund payable to date, provided that the Department of Employment and Economic Development continues to certify that no less than 1,653 full-time equivalent workers are employed workers within the state, the commissioner of revenue may make annual payments of the remaining refund until all of the refund has been paid; and

(3) to receive the refund, the owner of the aerospace defense manufacturing facility must initially apply to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for certification no later than one year from the final completion date of construction of the expansion of the aerospace defense manufacturing facility.

*[See Note.]*

Subd. 43. **Building materials; football stadium.** Materials and supplies used or consumed in, and equipment incorporated into, the construction or improvement of the football stadium and stadium infrastructure as defined in section 473J.03, subdivisions 8 and 10, are exempt. This subdivision expires one year after the date that the first National Football League game is played in the stadium for materials, supplies,

and equipment used in the construction and equipping of the stadium, and five years after the issuance of the first bonds under section 16A.965 for materials, supplies, and equipment used in the public infrastructure.

Subd. 44. **Building materials, capital projects.** Materials and supplies used or consumed in and equipment incorporated into the construction or improvement of a capital project funded partially or wholly under section 297A.9905 are exempt, provided that the project has a total construction cost of at least \$40,000,000 within a 24-month period. The tax on purchases exempt under this provision must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62, subdivision 1, applied and then refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75.

Subd. 45. **Biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility.** (a) Materials and supplies used or consumed in, capital equipment incorporated into, and privately owned infrastructure in support of the construction, improvement, or expansion of a biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility in the state are exempt if the following criteria are met:

(1) the facility is used for the manufacturing of biologics;

(2) the total capital investment made at the facility exceeds \$50,000,000; and

(3) the facility creates and maintains at least 190 full-time equivalent positions at the facility. These positions must be new jobs in Minnesota and not the result of relocating jobs that currently exist in Minnesota.

(b) The tax must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62 applied, and refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75.

(c) To be eligible for a refund, the owner of the biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility must:

(1) initially apply to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for certification no later than one year from the final completion date of construction, improvement, or expansion of the facility; and

(2) for each year that the owner of the biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility applies for a refund, the owner must have received written certification from the Department of Employment and Economic Development that the facility has met the criteria of paragraph (a).

(d) The refund is to be paid annually at a rate of 25 percent of the total allowable refund payable to date, with the commissioner making annual payments of the remaining refund until all of the refund has been paid.

(e) For purposes of this subdivision, "biopharmaceutical" and "biologics" are interchangeable and mean medical drugs or medicinal preparations produced using technology that uses biological systems, living organisms, or derivatives of living organisms to make or modify products or processes for specific use. The medical drugs or medicinal preparations include but are not limited to proteins, antibodies, nucleic acids, and vaccines.

*[See Note.]*

Subd. 46. **Research and development facility.** Materials and supplies used or consumed in, and equipment incorporated into, the construction or improvement of a research and development facility that has laboratory space of at least 400,000 square feet and utilizes both high-intensity and low-intensity laboratories, provided that the project has a total construction cost of at least \$140,000,000 within a 24-month

period. The tax on purchases imposed under this subdivision must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62 applied and then refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75.

***[See Note.]***

Subd. 47. **Industrial measurement manufacturing and controls facility.** (a) Materials and supplies used or consumed in, capital equipment incorporated into, fixtures installed in, and privately owned infrastructure in support of the construction, improvement, or expansion of an industrial measurement manufacturing and controls facility are exempt if:

(1) the total capital investment made at the facility is at least \$60,000,000;

(2) the facility employs at least 250 full-time equivalent employees that are not employees currently employed by the company in the state; and

(3) the Department of Employment and Economic Development determines that the expansion, remodeling, or improvement of the facility has a significant impact on the state economy.

(b) The tax must be imposed and collected as if the rate under section 297A.62 applied and refunded in the manner provided in section 297A.75, only after the following criteria are met:

(1) a refund may not be issued until the owner of the facility has received certification from the Department of Employment and Economic Development that the company meets the requirements in paragraph (a); and

(2) to receive the refund, the owner of the industrial measurement manufacturing and controls facility must initially apply to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for certification no later than one year from the final completion date of construction, improvement, or expansion of the industrial measurement manufacturing and controls facility.

***[See Note.]***

Subd. 48. **Construction materials, public infrastructure related to the destination medical center.** Materials and supplies used in, and equipment incorporated into, the construction and improvement of publicly owned buildings and infrastructure included in the development plan adopted under section 469.43, and financed with public funds, are exempt.

***[See Note.]***

**History:** 2000 c 418 art 1 s 15,44 subd 3; 2000 c 490 art 8 s 12; 1Sp2001 c 5 art 12 s 65-70; 2002 c 377 art 3 s 13-16; 2002 c 397 s 2; 1Sp2003 c 21 art 8 s 9,16; 2005 c 56 s 1; 2005 c 151 art 7 s 18; 1Sp2005 c 3 art 5 s 14-17,32; 2006 c 247 s 12; 2006 c 257 s 3; 2006 c 259 art 3 s 2,5; 2007 c 138 s 12; 2008 c 366 art 7 s 4,5; 2009 c 88 art 4 s 6; 2010 c 389 art 4 s 6-8; 2011 c 112 art 8 s 2; 2012 c 299 art 1 s 6; art 5 s 2; 2013 c 143 art 8 s 37-39; art 10 s 2

**NOTE:** Subdivision 42, as added by Laws 2010, chapter 389, article 4, section 8, is effective for sales and purchases made after July 1, 2010, and before December 31, 2015. Laws 2010, chapter 389, article 4, section 8, the effective date.

**NOTE:** Subdivision 45, as added by Laws 2013, chapter 143, article 8, section 37, is effective retroactively to capital investments made and jobs created after December 31, 2012, and effective retroactively for sales and purchases made after December 31, 2012, and before July 1, 2019. Applications

for refunds on purchases exempt under subdivision 45 must not be filed before June 30, 2015. Laws 2013, chapter 143, article 8, section 37, the effective date, as amended by Laws 2014, chapter 308, article 3, section 33.

**NOTE:** Subdivision 46, as added by Laws 2013, chapter 143, article 8, section 38, is effective for sales and purchases made after June 30, 2013, and before September 1, 2015. Laws 2013, chapter 143, article 8, section 38, the effective date.

**NOTE:** Subdivision 47, as added by Laws 2013, chapter 143, article 8, section 39, is effective for sales and purchases made after June 30, 2013, and before December 1, 2015. Laws 2013, chapter 143, article 8, section 39, the effective date.

**NOTE:** Subdivision 48, as added by Laws 2013, chapter 143, article 10, section 2, is effective for sales and purchases made after June 30, 2015, and before July 1, 2049. Laws 2013, chapter 143, article 10, section 2, the effective date.