ST 2354 - SALES TAX : LIQUEUR EXTRACTS AND INFUSIONS FOR FLAVOURING FOOD

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PREAMBLE Subject to certain exclusions, item 23 in the First Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act exempts from sales tax goods of a kind sold exclusively or principally, or put up for sale, as food for human consumption or as ingredients of food for human consumption including condiments, spices and flavourings.

2. The question has been raised whether liqueur extracts and infusions for flavouring food qualify for exemption under the item.

FACTS 3. Liqueur extracts and infusions are sold in concentrated form and may be used as:

- (a) a flavouring for food, for example in cakes;
- (b) an ingredient in liqueur making; and
- (c) a raw material in the manufacture of chocolates.

4. The liqueur extracts and infusions are sold almost exclusively to restaurants and caterers for use in flavouring food. Limited sales are made for use in the manufacture of chocolates. The products generally are not used for making liqueurs for drinking.

RULING 5. Liqueur extracts and infusions are goods of a kind sold principally as ingredients for food for human consumption and are exempt under item 23 in the First Schedule to the Sales Tax (Exemptions and Classifications) Act.

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