

Definitions of “Product Category” and “Certify a Product Category”

“**Product Category**” means:

- (a) groups of like products specifically defined in Appendix C, Parts II and III of the SSUTA (i.e., clothing, durable medical equipment, food, drugs, soft drinks, disaster preparedness supplies, etc.);
- (b) subcategories of specifically defined terms defined in Appendix C, Parts II and III of the SSUTA that are taxed differently than the product category as a whole, which may vary on a state-by-state basis (i.e., oxygen delivery equipment, kidney dialysis equipment, prewritten computer software delivered electronically, prepared food that requires additional cooking by the consumer, etc.);
- (c) groups of like products that do not fall within the terms specifically defined in Appendix C, Parts II and III of the SSUTA (i.e., building materials, furniture, motor vehicles, etc.); and
- (d) subcategories of (c) that are taxed differently than the product category as a whole, which may vary on a state-by-state basis (i.e., building materials with installation into real property, building materials with installation into tangible personal property)

“**Product category**” does not include:

- (a) any individual product(s) that properly falls within any product category in a state (i.e., shirts, reusable thermometers, ultrasound machine, bread, Pepsi, tables, chairs, automobile, motorcycle, etc.) unless the individual product is taxed differently than all other products within that product category; or
- (b) “tangible personal property.”

“**Certify a product category**” means the state has reviewed the product category and determined that the taxability of that product category as indicated by the seller or certified service provider in its request is consistent with their state’s laws. The state is certifying the taxability based solely on the product-based exemptions that are available in their state. No entity-based or use-based exemptions that may apply are considered.

States are encouraged to complete the Sales and Use Tax Matrix for Exemptions and Exclusions and Taxable Services and Digital Products ([SSTGB Form F0022](#))