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In re:

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Taxpayer =

Dear

This is to notify you that the Internal Revenue Service (Service) is reconsidering the applicability of the tax exception in § 48.4061(a)-1(d)(2)(i) of the Manufacturers and Retailers Excise Tax Regulations to trucks on which cranes are installed.

In letter ruling, LTR 9839020 dated June 26, 1998, the Service concluded that vehicles with "box boom" cranes sold by Taxpayer at retail are not taxable highway vehicles under § 4051 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Because this matter is now being reconsidered, the Service is revoking LTR 9839020 effective May 15, 2000. Consequently, Taxpayer may no longer rely on LTR 9839020 with respect to the sale of trucks on which Taxpayer installs cranes.

We recognize the significance of this development to you and will attempt to resolve this matter as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
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