

Georgia Department of Revenue Policy Bulletin SUT-2021-03 Reporting Requirements for High-Technology Companies Claiming Computer Equipment Exemption

Purpose: This Policy Bulletin provides guidance on the reporting requirements for high-technology companies that have been issued a certificate of exemption pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3(68).

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<u>Reporting Requirement:</u>

Each high-technology company that has been issued a certificate of exemption must report to the Department a list of the facilities for which all computer equipment exempted under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3(68) during the preceding calendar year was incorporated, as well as the amount of taxes exempted under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3(68) during the preceding calendar year.

The report is due by March 31st of each year following the year the high-technology company utilized a certificate of exemption pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3(68). The report shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-2-15.

The Department will not issue a certificate of exemption under O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3(68) for the calendar year following the reporting year to any high-technology company that has failed to comply with the reporting required by O.C.G.A. § 48-8-3(68)(E).

Please submit the required information to the Department's Office of Tax Policy at <u>tax.pol-icy@dor.ga.gov</u>.