

District
Director

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Brooklyn, New York 11202

Date:

Person to Contact:

Contact Telephone Number:

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CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear Sir or Madam:

We have considered your application for tax exemption status under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The evidence presented discloses that you were organized under Section 501(c)(6) of the Not-For-Profit-Corporation Law.

The purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows:

To promote the interests of bulk farm pick-up milk haulers in the milk marketing area as defined by the Commission on Agriculture and Markets.

To devise accurate and reliable information concerning the hauling business.

To promote a more enlarged and cooperative relationship between haulers.

You state on the application that "the organization was formed for the purpose of obtaining lower group automobile and employer's compensation insurance rates for member milking hauling business, and for the purpose of promoting the common interest of milk haulers in the area." To this end your organization provides low cost automobile and worker's compensation for its members. In your correspondence you state that because of the size of your group you cannot obtain auto and workers compensation on a combined basis "thereby resulting in a premium cost for each individual member."

In a flyer attached your 1974 application addressed to the [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] Milk Haulers you state "we have formed an association safety group for the purpose of providing significant savings for your Worker's Compensation and Automobile Insurance." The flyer states that the managing agent for this insurance coverage is the [redacted] this agency is one that "has successfully written these coverages for a number of milk haulers, at reduced premiums." The milk haulers are asked to fill out a blank at the bottom of the flyer giving renewal dates of their worker's compensation and truck insurance policies. One of the directors of the [redacted] is [redacted].

Section 501(c)(6) of the Code provides for the exemption from Federal income tax of business leagues not organized for profit, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

Section 1.501(c)(6)-1 of the Income Tax Regulations defines a business league as an association of persons having some common business interest, the purpose of which is to promote such common interest. Its activities should be directed towards the improvement of business conditions in one or more lines of business as distinguished from the performance of particular services for individual persons.

In Revenue Ruling 68-264, 1968-1 C.B. 264 exemption was denied to an organization which arranged shipments and billings for a fee. In Revenue Ruling 68-265, 1968-1 C.B. 265 an organization that operated a credit information service was denied exemption. These two revenue rulings hold that an activity that serves as a convenience or economy to members in the operation of their businesses is a particular service of the type proscribed.

Revenue Ruling 74-81, 1974-1 C.B. 135 denied exemption to an organization providing group worker's compensation insurance for its members. This activity was held to relieve the members of obtaining insurance on an individual basis, resulting in a convenience in the conduct of their businesses. The providing of this insurance is viewed as a particular service for individual persons as distinguished from the improvement of business conditions in one or more lines of business.

By your organization providing for its members worker's compensation and automobile insurance you are providing a clear convenience and economy to them in their businesses resulting in savings and simplified operation. Accordingly, this activity constitutes the performance of particular services for individual persons. And as the agency which arranges for the insurance for the members of your organization is the Hollis Ross Agency and one of the directors of your organization is Hollis L. Ross there is inurement to the benefit of a private individual. Consequently, it is held that your organization does not qualify for exemption under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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You are required to file a taxable return Form 1120 or 1041 with the District Director of Internal Revenue Service. Please send the return to the Internal Revenue Service, P.O. Box 1680, General Post Office, Brooklyn 11202.

If you do not agree with this determination, you may request a Conference with the Regional Director of Appeals by protesting in accordance with the enclosed instructions within 30 days.

Protests submitted which do not contain all the documentation set forth in the instructions will be returned for completions.

If we do not hear from you within that time, this determination will become final.

Sincerely yours,


District Director

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