

* * * Forestry Equipment * * *

Sec. 8. 32 V.S.A. § 9741 is amended to read:

§ 9741. SALES NOT COVERED

Retail sales and use of the following shall be exempt from the tax on retail sales imposed under section 9771 of this title and the use tax imposed under section 9773 of this title.

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(50) Compost, animal manure, manipulated animal manure, and planting mix when any of these items are sold in bulk. As used in this section, the term “sold in bulk” shall mean sold in a form that is not prepackaged, or sold in a package form in volumes greater than one cubic yard.

(51) The following machinery used for timber cutting, removal, and processing of timber or other solid wood forest products intended to be sold ultimately at retail, including repair parts: skidders with grapple and cable, feller bunchers, cut to length processors, forwarders, delimiters, loader slashers, log loaders, whole tree chippers, stationary screening systems, and firewood processors, elevators, and screens. The Department of Taxes shall publish guidance relating to the application of this exemption.

Sec. 9. 32 V.S.A. § 9706(kk) is added to read:

(kk) The statutory purpose of the exemption for timber cutting, removal, and processing machinery in subdivision 9741(51) of this title is to promote Vermont’s commercial timber and forest products economy.