APPENDIX B
Department of Revenue Administrative Rule Definitions of "Computer"

701—18.34(1)"b"(1).
Initially adopted in 1986 to implement Code section 422.45(27).
"Computer" means a programmed or programmable machine or device having information processing capabilities and includes word processing equipment, testing equipment, and programmed or programmable microprocessors and any other integrated circuit embedded in manufactured machinery or equipment.

701—18.45(1).
For sales of "computers" prior to July 1, 1997.
Adopted to implement Code section 422.45(27) as amended in 1996.
"Computer" means stored program processing equipment and all devices fastened to it by means of signal cables or any communication medium that serves the function of a signal cable. Nonexclusive examples of devices fastened by a signal cable or other communication medium are: terminals, printers, display units, card readers, tape readers, document sorters, optical readers, and card or tape punchers. Excluded from the definition of "computer" is point-of-sale equipment. For a characterization of "point-of-sale equipment" see 701—subrule 71.1(7).

Also included within the meaning of the word "computer" is any software consisting of an operating system or executive program. Such software coordinates, supervises, or monitors the basic operating procedures of a computer. An operating system or executive program is exempt from sales tax only if purchased as part of the sale of the computer for which it operates. An operating system or executive program priced separately or sold at a later time is subject to the provisions of rule 18.34(422,423). Excluded from the meaning of the word "computer" is any software consisting of an application program. For purposes of this subrule, "operating system or executive program" means a computer program which is fundamental and necessary to the functioning of a computer. The operating system or executive program software controls the operation of a computer by managing the allocation of all system resources, including the central processing unit, main and secondary storage, input/output devices, and the processing of programs. This is in contrast to application software which is a collection of one or more programs used to develop and implement the specific applications which the computer is to perform, and which calls upon the services of the operating system or executive program.

701—18.58(1).
For sales of "computers" from July 1, 1997 until July 1, 2016.
Adopted to implement Code section 422.45(27) as amended in 1998.
"Computer" means stored program processing equipment and all devices fastened to it by means of signal cables or any communication medium that serves the function of a signal cable. Nonexclusive examples of devices fastened by a signal cable or other communication medium are terminals, printers, display units, card readers, tape readers, document sorters, optical readers, and card or tape punchers. Excluded from the definition of "computer" is point-

of-sale equipment. For a characterization of "point-of-sale equipment," see 701—subrule 71.1(7). Also included within the meaning of the word "computer" is any software consisting of an operating system or executive program. Such software coordinates, supervises, or monitors the basic operating procedures of a computer. An operating system or executive program is exempt from sales tax only if purchased as part of the sale of the computer for which it operates. An operating system or executive program priced separately or sold at a later time is subject to the provisions of rule 18.34(422,423). Excluded from the meaning of the word "computer" is any software consisting of an application program. For purposes of this subrule, "operating system or executive program" means a computer program which is fundamental and necessary to the functioning of a computer. The operating system or executive program software controls the operation of a computer by managing the allocation of all system resources, including the central processing unit, main and secondary storage, input/output devices, and the processing of programs. This is in contrast to application software which is a collection of one or more programs used to develop and implement the specific applications which the computer is to perform, and which calls upon the services of the operating system or executive program.

701—230.14(2)"a".
For sales of "computers" on or after July 1, 2016.
Adopted to implement Code section 423.3(47) as amended in 2016.
"Computer" means stored program processing equipment and all devices fastened to it by means of signal cables or any communication medium that serves the function of a signal cable. Nonexclusive examples of devices fastened by a signal cable or other communication medium are terminals, printers, display units, card readers, tape readers, document sorters, optical readers, and card or tape punchers. Excluded from the definition of "computer" is point-of-sale equipment. For a characterization of "point-of-sale equipment," see subparagraph 230.14(2) "g"(4). Also included within the meaning of the word "computer" is any software consisting of an operating system or executive program. Such software coordinates, supervises, or monitors the basic operating procedure of a computer. An operating system or executive program is exempt from sales tax under rules 701—230.14(423) to 701—230.20(423) only if purchased as part of the sale of the computer for which it operates. An operating system or executive program priced separately or sold at a later time is subject to the provisions of rule 701—18.34(422,423). Excluded from the meaning of the word "computer" is any software consisting of an application program. For purposes of this paragraph, "operating system or executive program" means a computer program that is fundamental and necessary to the functioning of a computer. The operating system or executive program software controls the operation of a computer by managing the allocation of all system resources, including the central processing unit, main and secondary storage, input/output devices, and the processing of programs. This is in contrast to application software, which is a collection of one or more programs used to Ch 230, p.2 IAC develop and implement the specific applications that the computer is to perform and which calls upon the services of the operating system or executive program