# Unclaimed Property Relating to Sales Finance Companies and Insurance Premium Finance Agencies – Reference Sheet

Schedule of Events for Section 1313				
June 30	Cut-off date – if funds have become dormant in the year prior to this date, they should be included in this report cycle			
July 10	First-class mailing completed			
August 10	Certified mailing completed			
October 10	Final report, Verification and Checklist and remittance received in our office by the close of business			

# How to Report (due 10/10) – Include the following when reporting:

- 1. Account details of the funds you are transferring in an approved format
- 2. Remittance of cash
- 3. Verification and Checklist (Electronic VCL or Form AC2709)



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**Applicable Property Types** 

New York	NAUPA II	Property Type Description	Dormancy Period
8C	MS29	Amounts owed by sales finance companies and insurance premium finance agencies	3 years
8X	ZZZZ	Late filing interest	

# Unclaimed Property Relating to Sales Finance Companies and Insurance Premium Finance Agencies

This document is supplemental to the <u>Handbook for Reporters of Unclaimed Funds</u> and contains information which corresponds to §1313 of New York's Abandoned Property Law (APL). For more information, refer to §1313 of the statute

This document includes the following sections:

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# **Unclaimed Property**

Unclaimed property subject to §1313 of the APL includes any amounts held or owed by a company or agency payable to a person or entity as a refund or rebate, according to the provisions of New York's Banking Law.

# Statutory Considerations in Addition to Section 1313

#### **Deceased Owners**

# New York Codes, Rules and Regulations Title 2 Part 126.1

The confirmed date of death of an owner begins the applicable dormancy period. If you receive notice or indication, within the ordinary course of business, that the property owner is deceased, you must attempt to confirm the owner's death within 90 days. If you obtain confirmation, the dormancy period begins on the date of death. Record the date of this notification/confirmation. Valid joint owner activity will prevent one owner's death from triggering the dormancy under this provision.

# Due Diligence

#### APL Section 1422

The APL requires that, at least 90 days prior to submitting its final report, the holder send a notice by first-class mail to each owner whose name is expected to appear on that report unless the address for the owner is unknown or the holder can demonstrate the address it maintains for the owner is not the owner's current address.

In addition, at least 60 days prior to submitting its final report, the holder must send a notice by certified mail (return receipt requested) to each owner whose name is expected to appear on that report with abandoned property valued in excess of \$1,000 unless contact with the owner has been established, the first-class mailing was returned as undeliverable or the mailing address is outside the United States.

#### **Electronic Contact**

# New York Codes, Rules and Regulations <u>Title 2 Part</u> 125

Certain types of electronic contact can be used to satisfy the written communication requirements in the APL to prevent the property from being deemed abandoned. This includes email communication from

the entitled owner of the property that matches the registered email address on record with the holder or a verifiable login by the owner using a website or mobile application made available by the holder.

# Holders Not Authorized to Conduct Business in New York State

#### APL Section 1312

The APL extends statutory coverage to any sales finance company and any insurance premium finance agency that:

- Is chartered or organized in another state and not authorized to do business in New York
- Holds unclaimed property payable to a person whose last known address is within New York

Such reporting organizations are subject to the same statutory reporting requirements as organizations doing business in New York. However, the publication requirement does not apply.

#### New York State Banking Law

# New York's Banking Law, Sections 491.7, 554.7, Articles 11-B and 12-B

New York's Banking Law define sales finance companies, insurance premium finance agencies, and reportable amounts. These provisions of the Banking Law work in conjunction with §1313 of the APL, setting forth the requirements for reporting under this heading.

### Other Property Types

Sales finance companies and insurance premium finance agencies are subject to other statutory requirements of the APL. Review the Law to determine if any apply to your organization.

# Mailing Requirements

# First-Class and Certified Mailings

§1422 of the APL requires that all organizations do the following:

- At least 90 days prior to their final report/remittance date, send a notice by first-class mail to each owner whose name is expected to appear on that report unless:
  - o The owner address is unknown,
  - The holder can demonstrate that the address it maintains for the property owner is not the property owner's current address, or
    - Note if you use an address validation service and find a new address for the owner, you may send the mailing to the new address but you should not change the original address on your report or books and records.
  - The items to be reported are valued at \$20 or less are reported in the aggregate, in which case the owner's name will not appear on the report, therefore a mailing is not required.

#### And

- At least 60 days prior to their final report/remittance date, send a certified mailing, return receipt requested, to each owner whose name is expected to appear on that report with abandoned property valued in excess of \$1.000 unless:
  - o A claim has been initiated since the first-class mailing was sent, or
  - The first-class mailing was returned as undeliverable, or
  - The last known address is outside of the United States.

#### Costs

You may deduct the mailing costs for certified mail. Deduct such charges from each item for which you are mailing the notice, or one item if you are rolling similar items for a specific owner into one item. You may not make a bulk deduction against the final remittance. The costs for completing the first-class mailing requirements cannot be offset.

# Foreign address

Exercise due caution in attempting to contact entitled owners who reside in politically sensitive countries as defined by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control. Certified mailing requirements do not apply to residents of foreign countries. Address any questions pertaining to this subject to our Director of Audits.

# Multiple Items

Where feasible, if you are reporting more than one item for the same customer, one letter should address all items you are reporting.

#### Multiple Owners

For cases in which multiple owners of an item have different addresses, you must send a letter to each owner. You may deduct the additional costs of mailing a certified notice to more than one address.

#### Wages

Owners of unclaimed wages must be notified at the last known address of record via first-class mail under Article V. Notifications must be sent in the calendar year prior to the year in which you are required to deliver the property to the State Comptroller. You may not deduct the cost of sending notifications from the value of the abandoned property.

### Remittance

Submit your remittance at the time you file a report. The remittance should be equal to the sum of the values of the accounts being reported to the Office of the State Comptroller. Pay your remittance by electronic transfer or check.

#### **Electronic Funds Transfer**

Electronic funds transfer is available to make payment of the amount due for your report of abandoned property. Find instructions including the account and routing number information in the <u>Electronic Funds Transfer Instructions</u>.

#### Checks

Make checks payable to Comptroller, State of New York. You should mail it to the following address:

New York State Office of the State Comptroller Office of Unclaimed Funds
Remittance Control, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
110 State Street
Albany, NY 12236

Include the letters 'OUF' and the Date/Time stamp in the memo and advice areas of your check if you sent your report account details using one of our electronic reporting methods. This will help us apply your funds correctly.

In accordance with OUF's internal control procedures, send all payments to the above address. Do not send any checks to our New York City office.

# Schedule of Events for Section 1313

#### June 30

For the purposes of reporting abandoned property, a sales finance company's or an insurance premium finance agency's year runs from July 1 through the following June 30. June 30 is the cut-off or ending date for the reporting period. Use it when identifying abandoned accounts/items.

#### July 10

# By this date:

- Send a notice by first-class mail to each person or entity whose name appears on your report of abandoned property and request a signed written statement from the owner that acknowledges the property's existence. This requirement does not apply to those accounts that meet the exclusionary provisions of §1422.
- Advise and educate internal staff about the due diligence letters for effective processing when the rightful owner contacts your organization.
- Reactivate all accounts of owners who respond to the notice or otherwise establish contact. Do not
  include these accounts on your report.

### August 10

# By this date:

- If an owner has not responded to the first-class mailing, or if the first-class mailing was not returned as undeliverable, and the value of all unclaimed property held for the owner exceeds \$1,000, you are required to send a second notification via certified mail, return receipt requested.
  - You may charge the cost of the certified mailing against the property's value.
- Reactivate all accounts of owners who respond to the mailing. Do not include these accounts on your report.

Note: we consider a return receipt to be customer contact if the receipt bears the signature of the
account owner. Verify return receipt signatures against the other signature records you may have
for an owner.

# July 1 through September 30

During this period, review your records and collect data relative to any account/item that may be dormant and subject to reporting.

If you have an account/item subject to reporting:

- Update your report as necessary to reflect any activity that has occurred.
- Compile the data in one of our reporting formats, so that you may submit it as your final report.

If you do not have any items subject to reporting:

- Keep a record of your review.
- Do not send preliminary or negative (zero dollar) reports.

### On or before October 10

By this date:

- Finalize the report.
- Arrange for payment.
- Submit the report, payment, and a Verification and Checklist to be received in our office by the close of business on October 10.