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NOTICE TO ALL LICENSED DISTRIBUTORS AND WHOLESALERS

This Notice is being provided to you pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 30165.1, subdivision (c)(3)(C).

Effective July 31, 2014, the Attorney General's Office removed the following brands families and/or brand styles from the California Tobacco Directory:

- **Commonwealth Brands, Inc.**
 - **Raven – all styles**
 - **Riviera – all styles**
 - **Tuscany – all styles**

- **Japan Tobacco International USA**
 - **Export “A” – two (2) styles Urban Smooth Taste Regular Box and Extra Smooth Taste Regular Box**
 - **Wave – six (6) styles Full Flavor King Soft, Full Flavor 100 Soft, Menthol King Soft, Menthol 100 Soft, Blue King Soft, and Blue 100 Soft**

- **Konci G & D Management Group**
 - **Golden Deer – one (1) style Silver King Box**

- **Liggett Group, Inc.**
 - **Grand Prix – three (3) styles Filter Red King Soft, Blue King Soft, and NF Classic King Soft**
 - **Liggett Select – three (3) styles Red King Soft, Gold King Soft, and NF King Soft**
 - **Pyramid – one (1) style NF King Soft**

- **Native Trading Associates**
 - **Mohawk – all styles**

- **Peter Stokkebye Tobasfabrik A/S**
 - **Amsterdam Shag RYO – one (1) style 10.6 oz tin**
 - **Danish Export RYO – one (1) style 10.6 oz tin**
 - **London Export RYO – one (1) style 10.6 oz tin**
 - **Norwegian Shag RYO – one (1) style 10.6 oz tin**
 - **Stockholm Blend RYO – one (1) style 10.6 oz tin**
 - **Turkish Export RYO – one (1) style 10.6 oz tin**

- **Premier Manufacturing Inc.**
 - **1st Class** – five (5) styles **Red King Soft, Red 100 Soft, Blue 100 Soft, Menthol Green 100 Soft, and Silver 100 Soft**
 - **Ultra Buy** – five (5) styles **Red King Soft, Red 100 Soft, Blue 100 Soft, Menthol Green 100 Soft, and Silver 100 Soft**

- **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company**
 - **Monarch** – one (1) style **Blue King Soft**
 - **State Express 555** – one (1) style **International 94 Box**

- **Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company, Inc.**
 - **Natural American Spirit** – three (3) styles **Full Bodied Blue King Soft, Non-Filter Brown King Soft, and Mellow Yellow King Soft**

- **Scandinavian Tobacco Group Lane Limited**
 - **Samson** – one (1) style **Samson Brown**

- **Smokin Joes**
 - **Night Club** – all styles

- **Truth & Liberty Manufacturing**
 - **Fresh Choice** – six (6) styles **Gold 6oz Can, Gold 6oz Bag, Gold 16oz Bag, Yellow 6oz Can, Menthol 6oz Can, and Full Flavor 6oz Can**

- **Vector Tobacco Inc.**
 - **USA** – two (2) styles **King Soft and Blue King Soft**

- **Wind River Tobacco Company, LLC**
 - **American Bison** – two (2) styles **Mellow Silver King Soft and Bold Brown King Soft**

Distributor and Wholesaler Responsibilities

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 30165.1, subdivision (c)(3)(C), you must provide a copy of this Notice to each of your existing customers within seven (7) days. (Rev. & Tax. Code, § 30165.1, subd. (c)(3)(C).) Effective immediately, distributors and wholesalers may not sell any cigarettes or tobacco products listed in this Notice to a California retailer unless the retailer was provided a copy of this Notice. By law, distributors and wholesalers may purchase, stamp, or sell the cigarettes or tobacco products listed in this Notice for no more than forty (40) days. (Rev. & Tax. Code, § 30165.1, subd. (c)(3)(B).)

Retailer Responsibilities

A licensed retailer may possess, transport, or sell the tax-stamped cigarettes affected by this Notice of removal for no more than sixty (60) days. (Rev. & Tax. Code, § 30165.1, subd. (c)(3)(D).) After sixty (60) days, the brand families identified in this Notice are contraband and may not be sold or purchased in California, and will be subject to seizure and destruction under Revenue and Taxation Code sections 30436, subdivision (e), and section 30449, subdivision (b). (Rev. & Tax. Code, § 30165.1, subd. (c)(3)(E).)

Questions About This Notice

Thank you for your cooperation. Please send inquiries to:

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