



May 31, 2017

**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 May 31, 2017 the Attorney General's Office REMOVED the following brand family and styles from the California Tobacco Directory:**

- **Commonwealth Brands, Inc.**
  - **Malibu – All six (6) styles**
    - **Blue Slims 100 Box**
    - **Blue Slims 120 Box**
    - **Menthol Green Slims 100 Box**
    - **Menthol Green Slims 120 Box**
    - **Pink Slims 100 Box**
    - **Pink Slims 120 Box**
  - **Montclair – two (2) styles**
    - **Blue King Box**
    - **Gray King Box**
- **Philip Morris USA Inc.**
  - **L&M – two (2) styles**
    - **Turkish Blend Menthol King Box**
    - **Turkish Blend Menthol 100 Box**

### **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. 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).) Distributors have no more than forty (40) day to stamp or possess any cigarettes or tobacco products listed in this Notice for sales in California.

### **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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