May 21, 2020

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 21, 2020, the Attorney General's Office <u>**REMOVED**</u> the following Brand Family and/or Styles from the California Tobacco Directory:

- Commonwealth Brands, Inc.
 - Crowns two (2) styles
 - Blue 100 Box
 - Menthol Dark Green King Box
- King Maker Marketing, Inc.
 - Ace all nine (9) styles
 - Red King Box
 - Red 100 Box
 - Yellow King Box
 - Yellow 100 Box
 - Blue 100 Box
 - Menthol 10 King Box
 - Menthol 10 100 Box
 - Menthol 94 100 Box
 - Non Filter King Box
 - Gold Crest all nine (9) styles
 - Red King Box
 - Red 100 Box
 - Yellow King Box
 - Yellow 100 Box
 - Blue 100 Box
 - Menthol 10 King Box
 - Menthol 10 100 Box
 - Menthol 94 100 Box
 - Non Filter King Box

Premier Manufacturing Inc. Traffic – one (1) style Non-Filter 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.

Distributors have no more than forty (40) days to purchase, stamp, sell, or possess any cigarettes or tobacco products listed in this Notice for sales in California.

Wholesalers have no more than forty (40) days to purchase, sell, or possess any cigarettes or tobacco products listed in this Notice for sales in California. (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

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