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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 August 2, 2018 the Attorney General's Office REMOVED the following Styles from the California Tobacco Directory:**

- **Commonwealth Brands, Inc.**
  - **Crowns** – three (3) styles
    - **Blue King Box**
    - **Menthol Green King Box**
    - **Non-Filter King Soft**
  - **Sonoma** – one (1) style
    - **Blue King Box**
  - **USA Gold** – three (3) styles
    - **Red King Box Glide Tec**
    - **Gold King Box Glide Tec**
    - **Menthol King Box Glide Tec**

**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.

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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**

Thank you for your cooperation. Please send inquiries to:

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