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NOTICE TO ALL LICENSED DISTRIBUTORS AND WHOLESALERS

RE: **Removal of Procesadora Nacional Cigarrillera from California Tobacco Directory**

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

The Attorney General's Office has notified Procesadora Nacional Cigarrillera S.A. ("PRONALCI") that PRONALCI and its Poker brand cigarettes have been removed from the California Tobacco Directory pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 30165.1, subdivision (c)(1)(C), because PRONALCI failed to obtain a valid cigarette manufacturer's license under section 22979 of the Business and Professions Code. The effective date of removal of PRONALCI and its Poker brand cigarettes from the California Tobacco Directory is the date of this Notice.

Distributor and Wholesaler Responsibilities

Within seven days from the date of this Notice, all distributors and wholesalers must provide each of their existing customers with a copy of this Notice. (Rev. & Tax. Code, § 30165.1, subd. (c)(3)(C).)

Retailer Responsibilities

A licensed retailer may possess, transport, and sell Poker brand cigarettes for ***no more than sixty (60) days*** from the effective date of removal. (Rev. & Tax. Code, § 30165.1, subd. (c)(3)(D).) After the sixty-day period expires, Poker brand cigarettes will be considered contraband and are subject to seizure and destruction under Revenue and Taxation Code sections 30436, subdivision (e), and 30449, subdivision (b), and may not be sold or purchased in California. (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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