



June 27, 2019

## **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).

### **I. CHANGES REGARDING THE MANITOU BRAND**

Effective June 27, 2019, the Manitou brand family is listed on the California Tobacco Directory by Premier Manufacturing Inc. Von Eicken Group formerly listed the Manitou brand on the California Tobacco Directory. The brand family Manitou will remain on the California Tobacco Directory. However, the brand styles of Manitou that Premier Manufacturing Inc. certified are different from the brand styles that Von Eicken Group previously certified on the California Tobacco Directory. Therefore, this notice both: in section II, removes all brand styles of Manitou currently listed on California Tobacco Directory and immediately starts the statutory selloff period below; and in section III, adds new styles of Manitou to the California Tobacco Directory.

### **II. REMOVALS FROM THE CALIFORNIA TOBACCO DIRECTORY**

Effective June 27, 2019, the Attorney General's Office **removed** the following styles from the California Tobacco Directory:

- Von Eicken Group
  - **Manitou** – two (2) styles
    - **Easy Blend Regular Box**
    - **Golden Blend Regular 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.

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).)

### **III. ADDITIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA TOBACCO DIRECTORY**

Effective June 27, 2019, the Attorney General's Office **added** the following brand family and styles to the California Tobacco Directory:

- **Premier Manufacturing Inc.**
  - **Manitou – six (6) styles**
    - **No. 5**
    - **No. 6**
    - **No. 7**
    - **No. 8**
    - **No. 9**
    - **No. 10**

### **Questions About This Notice**

Thank you for your cooperation. Please send inquiries to:

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