



September 16, 2015

**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 September 16, 2015, the Attorney General's Office removed the following brand styles from the California Tobacco Directory:**

- **Chancellor Tobacco Company**
  - **Treasurer** – one (1) style
    - **Luxury Menthol**
  
- **ITG Brands, LLC**
  - **Maverick** – one (1) style
    - **100 Soft Pack**
  
- **Japan Tobacco International U.S.A. Inc.**
  - **Wave** – two (2) styles
    - **Menthol Green (Black) 100 Box**
    - **Blue (Black) 100 Box**
  
- **Philip Morris**
  - **Chesterfield** – one (1) style
    - **Red King Box**
  - **L&M** - one (1) style
    - **Select King Box**
  - **Marlboro** – two (2) styles
    - **Menthol Special Blend (Blue Pack) King Box**
    - **Menthol Special Blend (Blue Pack) 100 Box**
  - **Players** – two (2) styles
    - **Filter King Box**
    - **Navy Cut 70 Box**
  
- **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company**
  - **Old Gold** – three (3) styles
    - **100 Soft Pack**
    - **Gold 100 Soft Pack**
    - **Gold King Soft Pack**

### **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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