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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 July 19, 2016, the Attorney General's Office REMOVED the following brand family and/or styles from the California Tobacco Directory:

- Commonwealth Brands Inc.
  - o Davidoff all styles
  - West all styles
  - o **Fortuna** one (1) style
    - Non-Filter King Soft
- ITG Brands, LLC
  - o **Rave** three (3) styles
    - Red 100 Soft
    - Gold 100 Soft
    - Menthol Dark Green 100 Soft
- Japan Tobacco International U.S.A., Inc.
  - Wave three (3) styles
    - Menthol Green Limited Edition King Box
    - Blue Limited Edition King Box
    - Silver Limited Edition King Box
- Konci G&D Management Group (USA) Inc.
  - o **Double Happiness** one (1) style
    - Yellow King Box
- R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company
  - o **Dunhill** one (1) style
    - Fine Cut Menthol Green 94
  - o **Monarch** three (3) styles
    - Red King Soft
    - Gold King Soft
    - Non-Filter King Soft

- Scandinavian Tobacco Group Lane Ltd
  - o Golden Virginia RYO all styles
  - Jester RYO all styles
  - o RYO Fine Cut all styles
  - o Midnight Special RYO ten (10) styles
    - Gold Bag 2.5oz Bag
    - Gold 7.5oz Bag
    - Gold 3oz Can
    - Gold 0.4oz Pouch
    - Gold 0.65oz Pouch
    - Red 2.5oz Bag
    - Red 7.5oz Bag
    - Red 3oz Can
    - Red 0.4oz Pouch
    - Red 0.65oz Pouch
- Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC. LTD.
  - o Classic three (3) styles
    - FT King Box
    - Blue FT King Box
    - Menthol FT King Box
- Vector Tobacco Inc.
  - o **USA** three (3) styles
    - Silver 100 Soft Pack
    - Menthol 100 Soft Pack
    - Menthol Silver 100 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**

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