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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).

I. BRAND FAMILY REMOVED FROM CALIFORNIA TOBACCO DIRECTORY

Effective October 7, 2014, the Attorney General's Office removed the following brand family from the California Tobacco Directory:

- US Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers, Inc.
 - Kentucky Select RYO all styles

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 roll-your-own tobacco (RYO) listed in this Notice to a California retailer unless the retailer was provided a copy of this Notice. By law, distributors and wholesalers may purchase, stamp, or sell the cigarettes or RYO listed in this Notice for no more than forty (40) days. (Rev. & Tax. Code, § 30165.1, subd. (c)(3)(B).)

Retailer Responsibilities

A licensed retailer may possess, transport, or sell the tax-stamped cigarettes or RYO 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).)

II. MANUFACTURER CHANGE

Effective October 7, 2014, the California Tobacco Directory will reflect that all styles of the Traffic, 1839, and 1839 RYO band families are manufactured by Premier Manufacturing Inc. Prior to October 7, 2014, these brands were manufactured by US Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers. The styles and brand families of Traffic, 1839, and 1839 RYO listed on the California Tobacco Directory remain unchanged, and these brand families are not subject to the sales restrictions on Kentucky Select RYO above. Accordingly, US Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers does not have any brands on the California Tobacco Directory.

Questions About This Notice

Thank you for your cooperation. Please send inquiries to:

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