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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 June 30, 2020, the Attorney General's Office **<u>REMOVED</u>** the following Brand Family and/or Styles from the California Tobacco Directory:

- Philip Morris USA
 - Basic two (2) styles
 - 100 Soft
 - Non-Filter King Soft
 - Chesterfield one (1) style
 - Non-Filter King Soft
 - Commander one (1) style
 - King Soft
 - Dave's one (1) style
 - Blue King Box
 - o English Ovals one (1) style
 - Selected Blend King Box
 - \circ L&M two (2) styles
 - Menthol White 100 Box
 - Menthol White King Box

- Marlboro eight (8) styles
 - Blue 72 Box
 - Craft Blend Reserve King Box
 - Menthol Rich Blue 100 Box
 - Menthol Rich Blue King Box
 - Special Blend Gold 100 Box
 - Special Blend Gold King Box
 - Special Blend Red 100 Box
 - Special Blend Red King Box
- Merit two (2) styles
 - Bronze 100 Soft
 - Bronze King Soft
- Virginia Slims one (1) style
 - 100 Soft

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).)

Questions About This Notice

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