



May 13, 2015

NOTICE TO ALL LICENSED DISTRIBUTORS AND WHOLESALERS

RE: **Removal of SPS Cigaronne from California Tobacco Directory**

This Notice is being provided to you pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 30165.1, subdivision (c)(3)(C).

Effective May 13, 2015, the Attorney General's Office removed the following brand families from the California Tobacco Directory:

- **SPS Cigaronne**
 - **Cigaronne – all styles**
 - **Lady – 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 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 affected by this notice of removal for no more than sixty (60) days following May 13, 2015, the effective date of the removal. (Rev. & Tax. Code, § 30165.1, subd. (c)(3)(D).) After sixty (60) days following removal, the brand families identified in the notice of removal 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).)

Thank you for your cooperation.

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