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NOTICE TO ALL LICENSED DISTRIBUTORS AND WHOLESALERS

RE: Removal of SPS Cigaronne's "Cigaronne Black" brand family style from California Tobacco Directory

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

The Attorney General's Office has notified SPS Cigaronne that its "Cigaronne Black" brand family style has been removed from the California Tobacco Directory because it failed to pass the fire safety testing and certification requirements of the California Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act, Health and Safety Code sections 14950 to 14960. A person shall not sell, offer, or possess for sale in California cigarettes not in compliance with these sections.

Distributor, Wholesaler, and Retailer Responsibilities

Within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice, and before selling any products affected by this Notice, you must notify each of your existing customers that SPS Cigaronne's "Cigaronne Black" brand family style has been removed from the California Tobacco Directory. Providing your customers with a copy of this Notice satisfies this legal obligation.

A licensed retailer may possess, transport, and sell the tax-stamped "Cigaronne Black" brand family style cigarettes for *no more than sixty (60) days* from the date of this Notice. (Rev. & Tax. Code, § 30165.1, subd. (c)(3)(D).) After sixty (60) days, the "Cigaronne Black" brand family style cigarettes 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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