



September 17, 2015

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 September 17, 2015, the Attorney General's Office removed the following brand styles from the California Tobacco Directory:

- **R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company**
 - **Camel** – one (1) style
 - **Crush Bold King Box**
 - **Pall Mall** - two (2) styles
 - **Deep Set Recessed Filter King Box**
 - **Deep Set Recessed Filter Menthol King Box**
 - **Vantage** – one (1) style
 - **Tech 13 King Box**

Distributor and Wholesaler Responsibilities

Effective immediately, distributors and wholesalers cannot sell any cigarettes or tobacco products listed in this Notice to a California retailer. After twenty-eight (28) days, the brand styles identified in this Notice are contraband and will be subject to seizure and destruction under Revenue and Taxation Code sections 30436, subdivision (e), and section 30449, subdivision (b).

On September 15, 2015, the United States Food and Drug Administration ordered that the brand styles listed in this Notice can no longer be sold, distributed, or marketed in interstate commerce. Accordingly, the sell-off-period under Revenue and Taxation Code section 30165.1, subd. (c)(3)(B)) does not apply to the brand styles listed in this Notice.

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).)

Retailer Responsibilities

A licensed retailer may possess, transport, or sell the tax-stamped cigarettes affected by this Notice of removal for no more than twenty-eight (28) days. (Rev. & Tax. Code, § 30165.1, subd. (c)(3)(D).) After twenty-eight (28) days, the brand styles 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).)

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