



December 22, 2022

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 December 22, 2022 the Attorney General's Office REMOVED the following Brand Styles from the California Tobacco Directory:**

- **NASCO Products, LLC**
  - Smoker Friendly (SF) – four (4) styles
    - Menthol Dark Green King Box
    - Menthol Pale Green King Box
    - Menthol Dark Green 100 Box
    - Menthol Pale Green 100 Box
  - VLN – one (1) style
    - Menthol King Box
- **Ohserase Manufacturing, LLC**
  - Great Country – four (4) styles
    - Menthol King Box
    - Menthol 100 Box
    - Menthol Gold King Box
    - Menthol Gold 100 Box
  - Niagara's – four (4) styles
    - Menthol King Box
    - Menthol 100 Box
    - Menthol Smooth King Box
    - Menthol Smooth 100 Box

- Signal – six (6) styles
  - Menthol King Box
  - Menthol 100 Box
  - Menthol Smooth King Box
  - Menthol Smooth 100 Box
  - Menthol Max King Box
  - Menthol Max 100 Box

### **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.

### **Directory Sell-Off Period**

Under California's Tobacco Directory law:

- 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).)
- 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).)

**THE DIRECTORY SELL-OFF PERIOD ABOVE DOES NOT STAY THE APPLICATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 104559.5 AND FLAVORED TOBACCO.**

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If you have questions regarding the manufacturers listed on the California Tobacco Directory, you may contact:

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