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## July 17, 2018

## 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 July 17, 2018 the Attorney General's Office REMOVED the following Brand Families and/or Styles from the California Tobacco Directory:

- Commonwealth Brands, Inc.
  - Bali Shag RYO four (4) styles
    - Red 1.31oz Pouch
    - Red 5.29oz Can
    - Navy 1.31oz Pouch
    - Gold 1.31oz Pouch
  - McClintock RYO all styles
    - Red 3oz Bag
    - Red 8oz Bag
    - Blue 3oz Bag
    - Blue 8oz Bag
    - Menthol 3oz Bag
    - Menthol 8oz Bag
  - **Premier RYO** three (3) styles
    - Blue 3oz Bag
    - Blue 8oz Bag
    - Menthol 8oz Bag

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# • ITG Brands, LLC

- $\circ$  Kool two (2) styles
  - Menthol XL Blue 80 Box
  - Menthol XL Green 80 Box
- **Rave RYO** four (4) styles
  - Red 3 oz Bag
  - Red 8 oz Bag
  - Gold 3 oz Bag
  - Gold 8 oz Bag

#### • King Maker Marketing

- $\circ$  Ace five (5) styles
  - Maroon King Box
  - Deep Green Menthol 10 King Box
  - Pale Green Menthol 94 King Box
  - Deep Green Menthol 10 100 Box
  - Pale Green Menthol 94 100 Box
- Checkers all styles
  - Red King Box
  - Red 100 Box
  - Yellow King Box
  - Yellow 100 Box
  - Maroon King Box
  - Blue 100 Box
  - Deep Green Menthol 10 King Box
  - Pale Green Menthol 94 King Box
  - Deep Green Menthol 10 100 Box
  - Pale Green Menthol 94 100 Box
- **Gold Crest** five (5) styles
  - Maroon King Box
  - Deep Green Menthol 10 King Box
  - Pale Green Menthol 94 King Box
  - Deep Green Menthol 10 100 Box
  - Pale Green Menthol 94 100 Box

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- Hi-Val all styles
  - Red King Box
  - Red 100 Box
  - Yellow King Box
  - Yellow 100 Box
  - Maroon King Box
  - Blue 100 Box
  - Deep Green Menthol 10 King Box
  - Pale Green Menthol 94 King Box
  - Deep Green Menthol 10 100 Box
  - Pale Green Menthol 94 100 Box

## • Konci Group (USA) Inc.

- **Golden Deer** one (1) style
  - Silver King Box
- Liggett Group LLC
  - **Liggett Select** four (4) styles
    - Red 100 Soft
    - Gold 100 Soft
    - Silver 100 Soft
    - Menthol Silver 100 Soft
- <u>Premier Manufacturing Inc.</u>
  - $\circ$  **Traffic** one (1) style
    - Non Filter King Soft
- Top Tobacco, LP
  - Gambler RYO three (3) styles
    - TubeCut Turkish 0.7 oz Pouch
    - Tubecut Silver 1.5 oz Bag
    - Turkish Style 6 oz Bag
  - $\circ$  Top RYO five (5) styles
    - Menthol Plain-Vu 0.65 oz Pouch
    - Regular Plain-Vu 0.65 oz Pouch
    - Superoll Gold 0.8 oz Pouch
    - Superoll Menthol 1.5 oz Bag
    - Superoll Regular 1.5 oz Bag

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#### **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**

Thank you for your cooperation. Please send inquiries to:

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