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NOTICE - New Distributor Quarterly Reporting Requirement

Starting in 2010, South Carolina licensed distributors will be required to make quarterly reports to the Attorney General's Office. The South Carolina Distributor Quarterly Certificate Report to the Attorney General will be due to the Attorney General's Office the 20th day after each calendar quarter, starting with the first report due **April 20, 2010**.

All South Carolina licensed distributors will be required to submit a report showing: 1) the amount of non-participating manufacturer (NPM) cigarettes or RYO on which the distributor paid excise tax, 2) the amount of NPM cigarettes or RYO purchased in which the excise tax was paid by another distributor, 3) the amount of NPM cigarettes or RYO that was sold to another South Carolina-licensed distributor without the excise tax paid. All amounts should be stated in either packs of cigarettes or ounces of RYO and should be reported by month.

The reporting form may be found on the South Carolina Office of the Attorney General website at:

<http://www.scattorneygeneral.com/civil/tobacco.html>.

The due dates for 2010 reporting are as follows:

1st Quarter: April 20, 2010
2nd Quarter: July 20, 2010
3rd Quarter: October 20, 2010
4th Quarter: January 20, 2011

Our office appreciates your anticipated cooperation with this new requirement.