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NOTICE: All Tobacco Wholesalers

Sales to Reservation Tobacco Vendors

On September 17, 2015, Governor Robert Bentley signed into law **Act No. 2015-535** which becomes effective October 1, 2015.

Effective October 1, 2015, all sales of tobacco products (cigarettes, snuff, chewing tobacco, smoking tobacco, R-Y-O, cigars, little cigars, filtered cigars and cigar wrappers) to a reservation tobacco vendor are taxable. Permitted wholesalers are required to stamp all packages of cigarettes and submit the applicable other tobacco product taxes on the monthly tax return for tobacco products sold to reservation tobacco vendors.

The reservation tobacco vendor is eligible for a refund of the tobacco taxes paid on cigarettes and/or other tobacco products when these tobacco products are sold to tribal members. The reservation tobacco vendor may submit a monthly refund petition with supporting documentation to the Department. The documentation must include the reservation tobacco vendor's name, address, number of tribal members of legal smoking age in Alabama, permitted wholesaler's name, date purchased, quantity purchased, quantity sold, brand of cigarettes and/or description of other tobacco products. Refunds will be allowed to reservation tobacco vendors for tobacco products purchased on or after October 1, 2015 upon submission of properly completed refund petitions and supporting documentation.

The reservation tobacco vendor shall have two years from the date of sale of tobacco products to apply to the Department for the refund. Forms may be requested by contacting the Department at the below address or telephone number or by visiting our webpage at www.revenue.alabama.gov to download a copy. The maximum number of cigarettes subject to refund in any fiscal year purchased by Alabama tribal members within the boundaries of a federally recognized Indian tribe is 14,600 each year or prorated monthly for each tribal member of legal smoking age.

No refund is allowed to tribal members for tobacco products purchased at other retailers located off the reservation.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the address or telephone number below.

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