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NOTICE

TO: All Non-Participating Tobacco Manufacturers

SUBJECT: Act 2014-341 – NPM Bond Requirement

On April 8, 2014, Governor Robert Bentley signed into law Act No. 2014-341 which became effective immediately. The Act requires any non-participating manufacturer (or importer, if applicable) wishing to be considered for listing on Alabama's Directory of Cigarettes Approved for Stamping and Sale to obtain and provide the required bond each quarter to the Alabama Department of Revenue. The bond must be a good and sufficient bond executed by a surety company licensed and authorized to do business in Alabama and shall be conditioned to pay the escrow requirement as well as any penalties or other charges under Title 6, Chapters 12 and 12A. The bond amount shall be the greater of (i) the greatest required escrow amount due from the non-participating manufacturer/importer or its predecessor for any of the 12 preceding calendar quarters or (ii) \$25,000.

The effective date of the bond requirement will be 10 days before the beginning of the first quarter of 2015 (**December 21, 2014**). Any non-participating manufacturer/importer that has not provided a bond by this date will not have its brand families included in the Directory of Cigarettes Approved for Stamping and Sale in Alabama. Please find enclosed form (TOB: NPM BOND) which must be used by your surety company to execute the bond. Return the original bond form and power of attorney to the below address.

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Ms. Maetasha Mitchell at the below address or telephone number.

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