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ANNOUNCEMENT

Annual Revision of Forms TPM-1, TPM-2, and TPM-3

Purpose: This Announcement publicizes the annual revision of certain forms that participating and nonparticipating tobacco products manufacturers are required to complete and file with either the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) or the Office of the Attorney General, or both.

Effective Date: Upon issuance.

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Statutory Authority: Conn. Gen. Stat. §§4-28h to 4-28n, inclusive.

Definitions: As used in this Announcement:

- Participating manufacturer or PM has the same meaning as in section II(j) of the Master Settlement Agreement.
- *Nonparticipating manufacturer* or *NPM* means any tobacco product manufacturer that is not a participating manufacturer.

2007 Revision of Form TPM-1. March Certification of Compliance and Affidavit by Nonparticipating Manufacturer: DRS revises Form TPM-1 annually to specify the amount, as adjusted for inflation, required to be placed into a qualified escrow fund for the State of Connecticut by each NPM for each cigarette sold to consumers within Connecticut, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer, or similar intermediary or intermediaries. With respect to each cigarette sold to consumers within Connecticut during calendar year 2006, an NPM must use the March 2007 revision of Form TPM-1 and not any earlier version of Form TPM-1. Rev. 03/07 appears in the upper left hand corner of the March 2007 revision of Form TPM-1.

March 2007 Revision of Form TPM-3, *Brand Families Unit Sales Schedule*: DRS revises Form TPM-3 annually to obtain a breakdown by brand families of an NPM's sales of cigarettes to consumers within Connecticut, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer, or similar intermediary or intermediaries, during the preceding calendar year and of such sales made to date during the current calendar year. An NPM must use the March 2007 revision of Form TPM-3 and not an earlier version of Form TPM-3. Rev. 03/07 appears in the upper left hand corner of the March 2007 revision of Form TPM-3.

Mailing of Forms TPM-1 and TPM-3 to NPMs:

DRS will mail the March 2007 revision of Forms TPM-1 and TPM-3 to each NPM whose cigarettes were reported by stampers to have been sold to consumers within Connecticut, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer, or similar intermediary or intermediaries, during calendar year 2006. The failure to receive Forms TPM-1 and TPM-3 does not excuse an NPM from filing the forms. Each NPM must file Form TPM-1, a copy of the escrow agreement signed by the NPM and the financial institution, and Form TPM-3 on or

April 30, 2007, at the following address:

Office of the Attorney General Finance Department PO Box 120 Hartford CT 06141-0120

Inflation Adjustment for Amounts to Be Placed Into Qualified Escrow Fund by NPMs On or Before April 15, 2007: With respect to an NPM whose cigarettes are sold to consumers within Connecticut, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer, or similar intermediary or intermediaries, during calendar year 2006, the amount of \$.0214421 per cigarette sold must be placed into a qualified escrow fund for the State of Connecticut by the NPM on or before April 15, 2007.

March 2007 Revision of Form TPM-2, Certification for Listing in the Connecticut Tobacco Directory as of July 1, 2007: DRS revises Form TPM-2 annually. PMs and NPMs must use the March 2007 revision of Form TPM-2 (and not an earlier version of Form TPM-2). Rev. 03/07 appears in the upper left hand corner of the March 2007 revision of Form TPM-2. This form and the accompanying instructions are located on the DRS website at www.ct.gov/DRS and may be downloaded. (Use the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Taxes quick link to find this form.)

Mailing of Form TPM-2 to PMs and NPMs: DRS will mail the March 2007 revision of Form TPM-2 to each PM and NPM:

- Whose cigarettes were reported by stampers to have been sold to consumers within Connecticut, whether directly or through a distributor, dealer, or similar intermediary or intermediaries, during calendar year 2006;
- Which has applied for and secured from DRS a cigarette manufacturer's license that is currently in effect; or
- Which (along with its brand families) is currently listed on the Connecticut Tobacco Directory.

The failure to receive Form TPM-2 does not excuse a PM or NPM from filing the form. Each PM and NPM must file Form TPM-2 on or before April 30, 2007, at the following addresses.

File the original with:

Department of Revenue Services Attn: Tax Division Chief, Audit Division Excise/Public Services Subdivision 25 Sigourney Street Hartford CT 06106

File a copy with:

Office of the Attorney General Finance Department PO Box 120 Hartford CT 06141-0120

Effect on Other Documents: None

Effect of This Document: Announcements alert taxpayers to new developments (other than newly enacted or amended Connecticut or federal laws or newly released judicial decisions), including new administrative positions, policies, or practices.

For More Information on the Required Annual Escrows: For more information on the annual escrows required to be made by NPMs under Conn. Gen Stat. §\$4-28h to 4-28j, inclusive, call the Office of the Attorney General at 860-808-5270, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00

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p.m., Monday through Friday or write to:

For Further Information: Call DRS during business hours, Monday through Friday:

- **1-800-382-9463** (Connecticut calls outside the Greater Hartford calling area only); **or**
- **860-297-5962** (from anywhere).

TTY, TDD, and Text Telephone users only may transmit inquiries anytime by calling 860-297-4911.

Forms and Publications: Forms and publications are available anytime by:

- Internet: Visit the DRS website at www.ct.gov/DRS to download and print Connecticut tax forms; or
- **Telephone:** Call 1-800-382-9463 (Connecticut calls outside the Greater Hartford calling area only) and select **Option 2** from a touch-tone phone, or call **860-297-4753** (from anywhere).

Paperless Filing/Payment Methods (fast, easy, free, and confidential):

• For business returns: Use *Fast-File* to file sales and use taxes, business use tax, room occupancy tax, estimated corporation business tax, business entity tax, attorney occupational tax, nursing home provider fee, admissions and dues tax, or withholding tax returns over the Internet. Visit the DRS website at www.ct.gov/DRS and click on *File/Register OnLine*.

- For payment of business taxes other than those listed above: Use Fast-File to pay your business taxes over the Internet or by phone. Visit the DRS website at www.ct.gov/DRS and click on Electronic Services for a list of eligible taxes. The ACH debit method is used to make the transfer. No preregistration is required.
- For resident income tax returns: Use WebFile to file personal income tax returns over the Internet. Visit the DRS website at www.ct.gov/DRS and click on File/Register OnLine.
- For electronic filing of income tax extensions, estimated payments, and for electronic bill payments: Use *WebFile* to electronically file personal income tax returns over the Internet. You

can also use *WebFile* to make an electronic income tax payment for a prior year. Visit the DRS website at **www.ct.gov/DRS** and click on *File/Register OnLine*.

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Alerts, News – Press Releases, and Top 100 Delinquency List.

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