

**\*\*\* NOTICE TO TOBACCO WHOLESALERS AND DISTRIBUTORS \*\*\***

N.H. RSA 541-D requires **all** licensed wholesalers and distributors of cigarettes and RYO to submit a report regarding Non-Participating Manufacturer (NPM) Sales in New Hampshire to the Office of the Attorney General within 20 days after the end of each quarter, whether or not the wholesaler actually sold any NPM product during that period. The report must include any sales of NPM cigarettes and roll-your-own tobacco products (including 0 sales). Note that effective January 1, 2015, the sales of little cigars manufactured by NPM's must also be included on these reports. At this time, the requisite forms can be found under "Wholesaler Forms" on-line at <http://www.doj.nh.gov/consumer/tobacco/forms.htm>.

Furthermore, any cigarettes that are sold, offered for sale, or possessed for sale that are not included in the New Hampshire Directory of Certified Tobacco Manufacturers and Brands are considered contraband and subject to seizure and forfeiture. Pursuant to N.H. RSA 541-D:3, III,

"It shall be unlawful for any person: (a) To affix a stamp to a package or other container of cigarettes of a tobacco product manufacturer or brand family not included in the directory; and (b) To sell, offer, or possess for sale in this state, or import for personal consumption in this state cigarettes of a tobacco product manufacturer or brand family not included in the directory."

At this time, the Directory can be accessed on-line at <http://www.doj.nh.gov/consumer/tobacco/documents/tobacco-directory.pdf>.

**PURSUANT TO RSA 541-D:6, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH NEW HAMPSHIRE LAW COULD RESULT IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BRINGING AN ACTION AGAINST YOU SEEKING AN INJUNCTION TO RESTRAIN VIOLATIONS OF RSA 541-D AND/OR TO COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH RSA 541-D, AS WELL AS THE COSTS OF THE ACTION AND ATTORNEYS' FEES. FURTHERMORE, SUCH FAILURE MAY RESULT IN A REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE FOR WHATEVER REMEDIAL ACTION HE DEEMS APPROPRIATE, UP TO AND INCLUDING SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE TO STAMP CIGARETTES FOR SALE IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.**