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**NOTICE TO ALL LICENSED WHOLESALERS AND RETAILERS**

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Please be advised that the Circuit Court for Baltimore City has issued the attached Order granting a Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order filed by S&M Brands, Inc. This Order affects the Notice of Removal from Directory issued by this Office on June 18, 2019. Please review the Order with care.

Licensed Wholesalers and Retailers are directed to review the Maryland Tobacco Directory at [www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/Tobacco/statedirectory.aspx](http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/Tobacco/statedirectory.aspx) to confirm whether a particular brand family or style has been approved and is in compliance with Maryland laws. Wholesalers and Retailers are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring that all packs of cigarettes to which they affix stamps or offer for sale are legal for sale in Maryland.

The penalties for stamping or selling cigarettes and RYO not listed on the Directory include license suspension and revocation as well as monetary and criminal penalties. In addition, any packs or packages of a brand of cigarettes or RYO not listed on the Directory are contraband and subject to seizure and forfeiture. See Maryland Annotated Code, Business Regulation Article §16-507.

If you have any questions about the Order or the sale of cigarettes in Maryland, you may contact Aravind Muthukrishnan by e-mail at [amuthukrishnan@oag.state.md.us](mailto:amuthukrishnan@oag.state.md.us) or by phone at (410) 576-6395.