

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Business Regulation

~~16-101.~~

~~(F) "STAMPED CIGARETTES" MEANS ANY PACK OF CIGARETTES BEARING THE CIGARETTE STAMP ISSUED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER.~~

~~(G) (1) "UNSTAMPED CIGARETTES" MEANS ANY PACK OF CIGARETTES THAT DOES NOT BEAR THE STAMP ISSUED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER.~~

~~(2) "UNSTAMPED CIGARETTES" INCLUDES CIGARETTES THAT BEAR STAMPS ISSUED BY OTHER STATES.~~

~~16-203.~~

~~(b) An applicant for a license to act as a storage warehouse shall maintain an established place of business for the storage of STAMPED AND unstamped cigarettes.~~

~~16-206.~~

~~(e) A storage warehouse license authorizes the licensee to operate a storage facility in Maryland for the purpose of storing STAMPED AND unstamped cigarettes on behalf of [a] licensed cigarette [manufacturer] MANUFACTURERS, LICENSED CIGARETTE SUBWHOLESALERS, AND LICENSED CIGARETTE WHOLESALERS.~~

~~16-206.~~

(a) A manufacturer license authorizes the licensee to:

(1) sell unstamped cigarettes to a licensed cigarette wholesaler located in Maryland;

(2) except as otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law, this article, or the Criminal Law Article, distribute sample cigarettes to consumers located in Maryland;

(3) store unstamped cigarettes in a licensed cigarette storage warehouse for subsequent shipment to licensed wholesalers, federal reservations, or persons out of state; and

(4) upon approval of the Comptroller, act as an agent of a Maryland licensed wholesaler for stamping and distribution of cigarettes.

(b) A retailer license authorizes the licensee to:

(1) act as a retailer; and

(2) buy stamped cigarettes from a subwholesaler or wholesaler.

(c) (1) A storage warehouse license authorizes the licensee to operate a storage facility in Maryland for the purpose of storing unstamped cigarettes on behalf of a licensed cigarette manufacturer.