

(2) A PERSON LICENSED AS A WHOLESALER, OR PERSON CONNECTED WITH THE BUSINESS OF A LICENSED WHOLESALER OR RELATED BY OWNERSHIP, MAY NOT AT THE SAME TIME HOLD OR HAVE ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A MANUFACTURER LICENSE OR IN ANY BUSINESS OF A MANUFACTURER.

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(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 Article 27 of the Code, distribute sample cigarettes to consumers located in Maryland; [and]

(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.

(f) A wholesaler license authorizes the licensee to:

(1) act as a wholesaler;

(2) buy unstamped cigarettes directly from a cigarette manufacturer;

(3) hold unstamped cigarettes;

(4) buy tobacco tax stamps as authorized by § 12-303 of the Tax - General Article;

(5) transport unstamped cigarettes in the State; [and]

(6) sell unstamped cigarettes to another licensed wholesaler if the Comptroller specifically authorizes[.]; AND

(7) UPON APPROVAL OF THE COMPTROLLER, DESIGNATE A LICENSED MANUFACTURER TO ACT AS ITS AGENT FOR THE STAMPING AND DISTRIBUTION OF CIGARETTES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October 1~~ July 1, 1997.

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