

**Article - Business Regulation**

**SUBTITLE 5. ESCROW REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPARTICIPATING TOBACCO PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS.**

16-501.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) (1) "BRAND FAMILY" MEANS ALL STYLES OF CIGARETTES SOLD UNDER THE SAME TRADEMARK, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CIGARETTES ARE DIFFERENTIATED FROM ONE ANOTHER BY MEANS OF ADDITIONAL MODIFIERS OR DESCRIPTORS SUCH AS "MENTHOL", "LIGHTS", "KINGS", "100S", OR OTHER DIFFERENTIATION.

(2) "BRAND FAMILY" INCLUDES ANY USE OF A BRAND NAME (ALONE OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY OTHER WORD) TRADEMARK, LOGO, SYMBOL, MOTTO, SELLING MESSAGE, RECOGNIZABLE PATTERN OF COLORS, OR ANY OTHER INDICIA OF PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION IDENTICAL OR SIMILAR TO, OR IDENTIFIABLE WITH, A PREVIOUSLY KNOWN BRAND OF CIGARETTES.

(C) "CIGARETTE" HAS THE ~~SAME~~ MEANING AS STATED IN SUBSECTION 2(E) OF THE ESCROW ACT.

(D) "COMPTROLLER" MEANS THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE OR ANY AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE COMPTROLLER WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTION OF THE EXCISE TAX ON CIGARETTES.

(E) "ESCROW ACT" MEANS CHAPTER 169 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1999 AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 141 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2001.

(F) "LICENSED WHOLESALER" MEANS A WHOLESALER WHO IS LICENSED UNDER TITLE 16, SUBTITLE 2, OF THIS ARTICLE TO ACT AS A WHOLESALER AND ~~INCLUDES~~ ANY PERSON WHO IS AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE LICENSED WHOLESALER FOR THE STAMPING AND DISTRIBUTION OF CIGARETTES.

(G) "MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT" HAS THE ~~SAME~~ MEANING AS STATED IN SUBSECTION 2(F) OF THE ESCROW ACT.

(H) "NONPARTICIPATING MANUFACTURER" MEANS ANY TOBACCO PRODUCT MANUFACTURER THAT IS NOT A PARTICIPATING MANUFACTURER.

(I) "PARTICIPATING MANUFACTURER" HAS THE MEANING ~~AS~~ STATED IN SECTION II(JJ) OF THE MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ALL AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT.

(J) "QUALIFIED ESCROW FUND" HAS THE ~~SAME~~ MEANING AS STATED IN SUBSECTION 2(G) OF THE ESCROW ACT.