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- (I) ANY ESCROW PAYMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION 3(A)(2) OF THE ESCROW ACT FOR ANY PERIOD FOR ANY BRAND FAMILY, WHETHER OR NOT LISTED BY SUCH NONPARTICIPATING MANUFACTURER, HAS NOT BEEN FULLY PAID INTO A QUALIFIED ESCROW FUND GOVERNED BY A QUALIFIED ESCROW AGREEMENT THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: OR
- (II) ANY OUTSTANDING FINAL JUDGMENT, INCLUDING INTEREST ON THE JUDGMENT, FOR A VIOLATION OF THE ESCROW ACT HAS NOT BEEN FULLY SATISFIED FOR THE BRAND FAMILY OR THE MANUFACTURER.
- (3) THE COMPTROLLER ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL UPDATE THE DIRECTORY AS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO CORRECT MISTAKES AND TO ADD OR REMOVE A TOBACCO PRODUCT MANUFACTURER OR BRAND FAMILY TO KEEP THE DIRECTORY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- (4) EACH LICENSED WHOLESALER SHALL PROVIDE AND UPDATE AS NECESSARY AN ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS TO THE COMPTROLLER ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING ANY NOTIFICATIONS AS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

## (C) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY A PERSON TO MAY NOT:

- (1) AFFIX A STAMP TO A PACKAGE OR OTHER CONTAINER OF CIGARETTES OF A TOBACCO PRODUCT MANUFACTURER OR BRAND FAMILY NOT INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY; OR
- (2) 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. 16–505.
- (A) (1) ANY NONRESIDENT OR FOREIGN NONPARTICIPATING MANUFACTURER THAT HAS NOT REGISTERED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE AS A FOREIGN CORPORATION OR BUSINESS ENTITY SHALL, AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO HAVING ITS BRAND FAMILIES INCLUDED OR RETAINED IN THE DIRECTORY DESCRIBED IN § 16–504 OF THIS SUBTITLE, APPOINT AND CONTINUALLY ENGAGE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION THE SERVICES OF AN AGENT IN THE UNITED STATES TO ACT AS AN AGENT FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS ON THE NONRESIDENT OR FOREIGN NONPARTICIPATING MANUFACTURER.
- (2) ANY PROCESS AND ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING AGAINST THE NONRESIDENT OR FOREIGN NONPARTICIPATING MANUFACTURER CONCERNING OR ARISING OUT OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS SUBTITLE OR THE ESCROW ACT MAY BE SERVED IN ANY MANNER AUTHORIZED BY LAW.
- (3) THE SERVICE OF PROCESS SHALL CONSTITUTE LEGAL AND VALID SERVICE OF PROCESS ON THE NONPARTICIPATING MANUFACTURER. THE NONPARTICIPATING MANUFACTURER SHALL PROVIDE, TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE COMPTROLLER AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND PROOF OF THE APPOINTMENT AND AVAILABILITY OF THE AGENT TO THE COMPTROLLER AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.