

hold or have any financial interest in a [manufacturer] CIGARETTE NONRESIDENT DEALER license or in any business of a [manufacturer] CIGARETTE NONRESIDENT DEALER.

(3) A WHOLESALER LICENSE MAY NOT BE ISSUED TO ANY PERSON WHO:

(I) OPERATES A CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING PLANT; OR

(II) HAS A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS OF A CIGARETTE NONRESIDENT DEALER

16-203.

(a) An applicant for a license to act as a [manufacturer] CIGARETTE NONRESIDENT DEALER shall maintain an established place of business for the [manufacture and storage] SALE of cigarettes.

16-204.

(a) An applicant for a license to act as a [manufacturer] CIGARETTE NONRESIDENT DEALER shall:

(1) submit an application to the Comptroller on the form and containing the information that the Comptroller requires; and

(2) pay to the Comptroller a fee of \$25.

16-205.

(a) The Comptroller shall issue an appropriate license to each applicant who meets the requirements of this subtitle for a license to act as a [manufacturer] CIGARETTE NONRESIDENT DEALER, storage warehouse, subwholesaler, vending machine operator, or wholesaler.

16-206.

(a) A [manufacturer] CIGARETTE NONRESIDENT DEALER license authorizes the licensee to:

(1) sell unstamped cigarettes to a licensed cigarette wholesaler located in Maryland IF THE CIGARETTE NONRESIDENT DEALER[;]:

(I) IS THE OWNER OF THE BRAND;

(II) IS THE UNITED STATES IMPORTER OF THE BRAND; OR

(III) IS A DESIGNATED AGENT IN MARYLAND OF:

1. THE OWNER OF THE BRAND; OR

2. THE UNITED STATES IMPORTER OF THE BRAND.

(2) except as otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law, this article, THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE, or Article 27 of the Code, distribute sample cigarettes to consumers located in Maryland;