

13-835.

~~(a) The Comptroller or a peace officer of the State may:~~

~~(1) seize contraband alcoholic beverages or contraband cigarettes OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS in the State without a warrant;~~

~~(2) stop and search a conveyance in the State if the Comptroller or officer knows or has reason to suspect that the conveyance is being used to transport contraband alcoholic beverages or 5 or more cartons of contraband cigarettes OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS in the State; and~~

~~(3) seize a conveyance being used in the State to transport contraband alcoholic beverages or contraband cigarettes OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS.~~

13-836.

~~(a) (1) If contraband alcoholic beverages or contraband cigarettes OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS are seized:~~

~~(i) the Comptroller or police officer shall give a notice of seizure to the person from whom the property is seized at the time of the seizure; and~~

~~(ii) The Comptroller shall:~~

~~1. where possible, give a notice of seizure to the registered owner of a seized conveyance; and~~

~~2. publish a notice of seizure of the conveyance in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the seizure occurred.~~

~~(b) (2) A police officer who seizes any contraband cigarettes OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS or conveyance used to transport contraband cigarettes OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS shall deliver the seized cigarettes OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS and conveyance to the Comptroller.~~

13-837.

The owner or another person with an interest in seized property may file a claim for the return of the property with the Comptroller within 30 days after:

~~(1) the seizure of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, motor fuel or conveyances used to transport motor fuel; or~~

~~(2) a notice of seizure of a conveyance used to transport alcoholic beverages [or cigarettes], CIGARETTES, OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS is published.~~

13-839.

~~(a) If a person files a claim for return of seized alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, or conveyances used for their transportation under § 13-837 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall:~~

~~(1) promptly act on the request;~~