**NOTICE OF NONSETTLING MANUFACTURER FEE RATE INCREASE**

There is a nonsettling manufacturer (NSM) fee rate increase on returns filed for the July 2017 filing period forward. Miss. Code Ann. § 27-70-5 provides that on July 1 of each year the NSM fee will increase by the greater of three percent (3%) or, the most recent annual revised Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers as published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The Consumer Price Index for calendar year 2016 was 2.1%; therefore the NSM fee rate will be increased by 3%.

In accordance with this provision, the NSM fee will increase from one and fifty six hundredths cent (1.56) for each NSM cigarette to one and sixty one hundredths cent (1.61) for each NSM cigarette effective July 1, 2017. This will result in an increase of $0.10 per carton. The July 2017 return and all future returns have been updated to reflect this change.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sales Tax Department at 601-923-7015.