



# MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Sales and Use Tax Bureau

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## NOTICE TO TOBACCO WHOLESALERS REGARDING EXPIRATION OF SETTLING MANUFACTURING AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. 27-70-5(d), a cigarette manufacturer which is a party to the tobacco settlement agreement shall be exempt from the tobacco equity tax. Effective March 16, 2021, the 25-year settling agreement between the State of Mississippi and Liggett & Myers Incorporated has expired. Liggett is no longer be considered "a party to the tobacco settlement agreement" or exempt from payment of the tobacco equity tax and shall be considered a non-settling manufacturer.

In accordance with this provision, the NSM fee of one and seventy six hundredths cents (1.76) for each NSM cigarette will now be due on all cigarettes received from Liggett & Meyers, Inc. Cigarettes received from Liggett & Meyers, Inc. will be reported as NSM cigarettes and the fees paid on Tobacco Excise returns due after the effective date. This change shall take effect and be in force from and after March 16, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sales Tax Department at 601-923-7015 or you may email Ronnie Lynch at [ronnie.lynch@dor.ms.gov](mailto:ronnie.lynch@dor.ms.gov).