MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

IMPORTANT NOTICE
TO LICENSED CIGARETTE RETAILERS

DO NOT DISCARD BEFORE READING

Effective July 31, 2013 the excise on cigarettes will increase as follows:

	Current Tax	Increase	New Tax
Package of 20	$2.51	$1.00	$3.51
Package of 25	$3.1375	$1.25	$4.3875

Cigarette Retailer Licensees are required to take an inventory of all cigarettes on hand and complete the enclosed Form CIN (Cigarette Inventory Tax Return for Non-Stampers) at the opening of business on July 31, 2013. Form CIN is used to report and pay the increase in the excise due on stamped packages of cigarettes, including stamped packages of little cigars, in inventory as of the opening of business on July 31, 2013. Retailers with two or more locations may file a consolidated return so long as they follow the instructions on Form CIN. Payment of the inventory tax must be remitted with Form CIN by August 20, 2013.

Failure to comply with this recent legislation may result in the imposition of penalties provided by law, including suspension or revocation of your license. Please retain all documentation for audit purposes. In order to ensure compliance with these provisions, Department of Revenue personnel may visit your business.

As you are probably aware, the color of the stamps changed to orange for 20 cigarettes per pack and to pink for 25 cigarettes per pack. As the wholesalers use up their inventory of the old color stamps, you may be receiving stamps with both the old (red and gold) and the new (orange and pink) colors.

If you have any questions regarding your responsibilities to report and pay the cigarette excise increase on your inventory, please call the Department's Cigarette and Tobacco Excise Unit at 617-887-5090.