

## **Illegal Tobacco Task Force**

### **Notice of Public Meeting<sup>1</sup>**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020

**Meeting Time:** 10:00 AM

**Meeting Location:** Dial: (617) 315-0704, Meeting ID# 710 054 529; Note: All participants will be muted

- A. Opening Remarks
- B. Approval of Minutes from the February 24, 2020 meeting.
- C. Update from Member Agencies
- D. Time for Public Comment, please note the following instructions:
  - a. If you would like to provide Public Comment at the meeting you will need to contact Marikae Toye, Co-Chair, before May 28, 2020 at 5pm via email at [toyem@dor.state.ma.us](mailto:toyem@dor.state.ma.us)
  - b. The Task Force asks that speakers provide a copy of their testimony in written form wherever possible. If you would like to refer to any visual aids during your remarks, please send them to the Co-Chair via email when requesting a speaking slot.
  - c. The Co-Chair reserves the right to impose reasonable time limits (approximately 10 minutes) to allow time for everyone to be heard. If you do not sign up to speak ahead of time, you will not be able to give public comment at the meeting.
  - d. Additionally, the Task Force will accept written comments through June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please send written comments to:  
  
Marikae Toye, Co-Chair, Illegal Tobacco Task Force  
Massachusetts Department of Revenue  
General Counsel's Office, Criminal Investigations Bureau  
100 Cambridge St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02114
- e. The Task Force is soliciting responses to the following questions, in particular:
  - 1. What technology is available to the Task Force's member agencies to allow us to address both the taxation of vaping products and the enforcement of the flavored tobacco ban?

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<sup>1</sup> This notice is being given in accordance with Sections 18-25 of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws and the Governor's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L Ch. 30A §20.

2. What is the expected business impact of the Act and what increased enforcement mechanisms by the member agencies could address this impact?
3. What data is available concerning black market sales of electronic nicotine delivery systems/vape products during the states recent ban on vaping that could inform the Task Force's next steps?
4. What are the current black market conditions for smokeless tobacco that might inform the Task Force's enforcement of the flavored tobacco ban moving after June 1, 2010?
5. How will the Task Force's member agencies responsibly dispose of electronic nicotine delivery systems that are seized in the course of enforcement actions?

E. Scheduling of Next Meeting

F. Wrap Up/Closing Comments

*If any member of the public wishing to attend this meeting seeks special accommodations in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, please contact DOR Human Capital Development at 617-626-2355.*

**Amended for a second time on May 18, 2020**

Date of Posting: May 18, 2020 @ 5pm