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Notice to Tobacco Retailers

New Tobacco Markings for Prince Edward Island

This notice is intended to provide tobacco retailers with information regarding the new tobacco markings for Prince Edward Island.

Prince Edward Island uses Nova Scotia markings.

What's new?

The Prince Edward Island [Tobacco Tax Act](#) and [Regulations](#) have been amended to reflect changes made to the Nova Scotia tobacco marking requirements. As a result of the amendments, Nova Scotia marked tear tape will be replaced with Nova Scotia tobacco stamps.

Effective April 1, 2012, packages of cigarettes (including pre-portioned tobacco sticks) and packages of fine cut tobacco destined for the Prince Edward Island market that are currently marked with Nova Scotia marked tear tape will require a Nova Scotia tobacco stamp. The new Nova Scotia tobacco stamp will be a modified federal tobacco excise stamp with a background colour of Pantone purple and the letters "NS" printed on the stamp.

Nova Scotia tear tape will no longer be a valid marking for packages of cigarettes and packages of fine cut tobacco manufactured or imported on or after April 1, 2012.

Also, the letters "NS" will no longer be required to be printed or embossed in a visible location on the outside of a package of cigarettes.

Transition issues

For a limited transition period after April 1, 2012 (until inventories of the older products are depleted), the new Nova Scotia tobacco stamp or the federal tobacco excise stamp and the Nova Scotia tear tape may appear on tobacco products.

Further Information:

For copies of the [Tobacco Tax Act and Regulations](#), or the [Revenue Administration Act and Regulations](#) or for any inquiries regarding this Tobacco Tax Notice please contact:

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