Cigarette Tax Rate Increase

Effective Date  The new tax rate begins May 1, 2010.

Tax Rate Increase  Five cents per cigarette tax increase. That equals:
• $1.00 on a package of 20 cigarettes (from $2.025 to $3.025)
• $1.25 on a package of 25 cigarettes (from $2.53125 to $3.78125), or
• $10.00 per carton (from $20.25 to $30.25).

If you are a retailer:
• you must inventory all cigarettes as of midnight, April 30, 2010.
• complete the Cigarette Floor Stock Tax Return, and
• mail with payment by June 1, 2010.

If you are a wholesaler:
• you must inventory all stamped cigarettes as of midnight April 30, 2010.
• you must inventory all rolls of stamps as of midnight April 30, 2010.
• complete the Cigarette Floor Stock Tax Return, and
• mail with payment by June 1, 2010.

Inventory totals must include:
• cigarettes in vending machines,
• cigarettes on delivery trucks, and
• cigarettes in transit.

Where to mail the Floor Stock Tax Return  Department of Revenue
Special Programs Division
PO Box 47464
Olympia, WA 98504-7464

For more Information  Call the Department of Revenue Telephone Information Center at 1-800-647-7706 regarding the cigarette tax increase or the Cigarette Floor Stock Tax Return.