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RE: **Pennsylvania's Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act**

As you may know, Pennsylvania's Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act (Act 42 of 2008) takes effect January 1, 2009. The law, which is similar to those recently enacted in other states, provides that cigarettes sold in Pennsylvania must be self-extinguishing. The Act provides a sell-off period through the end of June for existing inventory; however, as of January 1 it will be unlawful for cigarette stamping agents to affix tax stamps to cigarettes that have not been approved as "fire safe" by the Department of Revenue.

If you intend to sell cigarettes in Pennsylvania in 2009, you must certify for each brand style that it meets the reduced ignition propensity standard set forth in the law. Detailed instructions for completing the Department of Revenue's certification application are available on the Department's website at <http://www.revenue.state.pa.us/revenue/lib/revenue/das-117.pdf>.

This Office will be updating the Pennsylvania Tobacco Product Directory which appears at [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov) to reflect implementation of this law. Any cigarette brand styles which are not certified through the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue as compliant will be removed from the Directory in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Tobacco Product Manufacturer Directory Act.