



April 8, 2022

VPCMA Scholarship Applications Now Accepted

We are pleased to announce that after a two year suspension due to COVID, applications are now being accepted for the VPCMA 2022 Scholarship Program. This program is open to VPCMA members, their employees, and the children of VPCMA member company employees. Awards are made after review by the Association's scholarship committee, which considers need as well as academic achievement in their evaluations. Recipients must be high school graduates by June of this year and attend a post secondary institution of higher education in the fall of 2022. You can view the [application here](#). Complete applications must be received by May 31. You may also distribute or post [this flyer](#) for your employees.

DOT Annual Hazmat Registration Period Opens May 1, 2022

From EMA

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) online portal for annual HAZMAT registration opens May 1, 2022. Registration renewals must be completed by July 1, 2022. Due to COVID-19 workplace restrictions and processing delays, marketers should register online this year and do so early. However, registrations submitted before May 1, 2022 will not be processed until the open season begins.

PHMSA requires both hazardous material transporters and those who ship hazardous materials through common carriers to register and pay a fee each year in return for a certificate of authority to operate in intrastate and/or interstate commerce. Since PHMSA allows multiyear registration, not all registration certificates are up for renewal by July 1, 2022. Marketers should look at their registration certificate for the date of renewal or search registration status at PHMSA's online portal at registration look-up to determine whether registration is due for renewal.

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New Federal Regulation of Vapor Products Impacts Convenience Stores

Courtesy of EMA, NACS, and NATO

Included with legislation to fund the federal government for the remainder of the year is a

provision that has given FDA regulatory authority over synthetic nicotine products, effectively closing the so-called “synthetic nicotine loophole.” The law becomes effective on April 15, 2022, and manufacturers will have until May 14, 2022 to either submit a Pre-Market Tobacco Application (PMTA) or stop marketing their products. Manufacturers that submit a PMTA by the deadline can continue marketing their products until July 13, 2022, after which time the products must be removed from retail unless the FDA has issued a marketing granted order. To avoid liability, retailers and distributors should proactively contact their manufacturers to determine if the suppliers plan to submit a PMTA, and to be prepared to remove from their shelves any synthetic nicotine products that have not been the subject of a PMTA submitted by the May 14, 2022 deadline.

Save the Date

VPCMA 74th Annual Meeting
September 25-27, 2022
The Greenbrier Resort
White Sulphur Springs, WV

Registration to open July 1.