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DMV: Fuels Tax Filing Changes Begin Next Week

As DMV Fuels Tax Director Tammy West detailed last month at the Annual Meeting at the Greenbrier, major changes are coming to Virginia's motor fuel tax system. Members are reminded that the first changes occur next week, as November 20th will be the last day you can submit a return to be processed under the current system. A webinar is planned for December (date to be determined) where filers can have their questions answered by DMV staff. In the meantime, DMV has prepared a summary of the changes which may be found here.

FDA Backs Off Strict Ban on Flavored E-Cigs

From OPIS

Though early reports suggested the U.S. Food and Drug Administration would ban sales of flavored e-cigarette products at convenience stores, NACS said proposed regulations announced today aren't that stringent.

NACS said in an announcement that its initial reading of the proposal suggests the FDA is calling for vaping flavors such as melon and cucumber to be sold only in age-restricted stores, stores where there is an age-restricted area, or in retail stores without age-restricted access but out of sight from customers, such as under the counter.

The association said it "also appears that the agency will not impose new restrictions on unflavored or menthol vaping products."

Lyle Beckwith, NACS senior vice president of government relations, said FDA should ensure e-cigarettes are sold "responsibly" and fairly. "If enforcement shows that businesses are not following the law, then appropriate penalties should be imposed," Beckwith said in an

announcement. "We are reviewing the FDA's proposal carefully and want to ensure that any final policy reflects these important principles. We urge the FDA to share any information they have demonstrating that its proposal will improve age verification on e-cigarette sales."

Concerning the FDA's proposed ban of menthol cigarettes, Beckwith noted there is a market for menthol cigarettes. "Banning them will only shift those sales to the black market. Black-market sellers of tobacco products do not check the ages of their purchasers, do not pay taxes on their sales, and sell more than just menthol cigarettes," he explained.

Southeast Petro-Food Marketing Expo Registration Now Open!

Below is the link to register attendees for the upcoming Southeast Petro-Food Marketing Expo, March 6-7, 2019, at The Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, SC. There is no charge for qualified attendees.

Eligibility to Attend: Attendees are required to own, operate or be employed by a convenience store, truck stop, petroleum marketer or carwash. However, if you are an owner or employee of a company, or the subsidiary or affiliate of a company, (with the exception of a petroleum marketer/distributor/jobber), that supplies any type of product or service to one or more of the aforementioned business categories you will be considered a vendor/supplier and will be required to serve as a sponsor and register as such.

In fairness to exhibitors that support the expo financially, suppliers/vendors or their subsidiaries or affiliate divisions that are not exhibiting, will not be allowed on the exhibition floor unless they are serving as a sponsor. Employment verification may be required along with a photo ID - NO EXCEPTIONS.

[Attendee Registration](#) (this link is not for exhibiting firms, vendors or suppliers).

Hotel Reservations may be made from our website. The Sheraton fills quickly so don't delay.

Here is the link:

<http://sepetroshow.org/hotels/>