



**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
CIVIL ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: February 8, 2021

TO: Tobacco Product Manufacturers

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SUBJECT: Little Cigars

As you are likely aware, in November 2020, Oregon voters approved Ballot Measure 108, which among other things, added products commonly known as “little cigars”<sup>1</sup> to the definition of “cigarette” for Oregon cigarette tax purposes. Thus, as of January 1, 2021, products that meet this definition must be stamped with Oregon cigarette tax stamps and sold in packs of no fewer than twenty.

Ballot Measure 108 did not change the statutes administered by the Oregon Department of Justice that apply to cigarettes. However, now that both cigarettes and little cigars will be required to be affixed with Oregon tax stamps and sold in packs of no fewer than twenty, the Department of Justice needs additional information to assist in classifying which products are subject to the requirements that DOJ enforces.

To that end, DOJ has promulgated OAR 137-105-0060, which requires tobacco product manufacturers who sell little cigars in Oregon to provide certain information to the Department of Justice on an annual basis. This includes a list of brand families, the name and address of all distributors who distribute little cigars in Oregon, and sample packaging. We have promulgated a form to assist manufacturers in making these reports. The form is available here: [Report of Little Cigars sold in Oregon](#). The completed form and images of sample packaging should be submitted to [TobaccoEnforcementBSR@doj.state.or.us](mailto:TobaccoEnforcementBSR@doj.state.or.us) by March 1, 2021.

If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact my office at [ORDOJTobacco@doj.state.or.us](mailto:ORDOJTobacco@doj.state.or.us).

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<sup>1</sup> “[A] roll for smoking that is of any size or shape and that is made wholly or in part of tobacco, irrespective of whether the tobacco is pure or flavored, adulterated or mixed with any other ingredient, if the roll has a wrapper made wholly or in greater part of tobacco and if 1,000 of these rolls collectively weigh not more than three pounds.”