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NOTICE TO TOBACCO RETAILERS OPERATING IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGARDING CALIFORNIA'S NEW UNFLAVORED TOBACCO LIST

On December 31, 2025, the California Department of Justice published an Unflavored Tobacco List (UTL) that contains tobacco products that have been designated as unflavored and are therefore permitted to be sold in California, including unincorporated Los Angeles County (ULAC). Tobacco retailers operating in ULAC are permitted to sell tobacco products listed on the UTL. Tobacco products that are not listed on the UTL are **not** permitted to be sold. The UTL became effective on January 1, 2026.

The State's flavored tobacco law exempts certain types of tobacco products, (e.g., shisha/hookah tobacco, flavored premium cigars with a wholesale price of \$12 or more, and flavored loose-leaf pipe tobacco). However, the County's flavored tobacco ban prohibits the sale of all flavored tobacco products in ULAC, **including those exempted by the State's flavored tobacco law**. Tobacco retailers operating in ULAC are not permitted to sell flavored tobacco products of any kind, including items that may have been exempted under State law.

Violation of federal, State, and County tobacco retailing laws, including the sale of flavored tobacco products, are subject to administrative citation and/or Tobacco Retail License (TRL) suspension. Repeated violations may lead to TRL revocation, pursuant to Los Angeles County Code § 11.35.100.

The UTL is available on the Department of Justice website at: <https://utl.doj.ca.gov>. Additional resources are available on the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health website at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/tob/tobaccoretail.htm>.

For more information, please email the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health at: tobacco1@ph.lacounty.gov, or call: (213) 351-7890.