

PRESS RELEASE

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Concord – October 15, 2008 – The Department of Revenue Administration (DRA)

The Commissioner of the Department of Revenue Administration has certified that the amount of tobacco tax revenue received for the period of July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008 was below \$50,000,000. Therefore, the New Hampshire tobacco tax has been increased effective **October 15, 2008**. What this means is that:

- The tax rate for each pack containing 20 cigarettes is increased from \$1.08 to \$1.33 per pack, a 25 cent increase.
- The tax rate for each pack containing 25 cigarettes is increased from \$1.35 to \$1.66 per pack, a 31 cent increase.
- Tobacco licensees are responsible for the increased tax on every stamped pack of cigarettes and every unaffixed tobacco stamp in your possession on **October 15, 2008**.

The new law does not increase the tax on cigars, pipe tobacco, smokeless and loose tobacco, so those products do not need to be inventoried or included on the return.

The completed Tobacco Floor Tax Inventory and Return Form must be mailed to the NH Department of Revenue Administration on or before **November 4, 2008**.

Payment of the tax may be sent to the Department with the Tobacco Floor Tax Inventory and Return Form or remitted separately using the Tobacco Floor Tax Return Payment Form on or before **December 15, 2008**.

Licensees may use the Tobacco Floor Tax Inventory and Return Form and/or the Tobacco Floor Tax Return Payment Form previously sent to them. If licensee holders do not have the forms, please download them from our website at www.nh.gov/revenue.

Due to extenuating circumstances, the certification of the amount of tobacco tax revenue was delayed. We do apologize for any inconvenience our previous mailing may have caused.