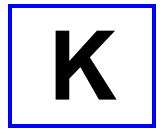


Tax Bond for Cigarettes
North Carolina Department of Revenue



BOND NO. _____

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that _____, of _____, of _____, as PRINCIPAL, and _____, having its principal place of business at _____ and duly authorized to engage in business as a SURETY company in the State of North Carolina, as SURETY, are held and firmly bound unto the State of North Carolina in the sum of _____ dollars, lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the above-bound PRINCIPAL has applied for a Distributor's License to engage in the business of distributing cigarettes in the State of North Carolina as provided by law.

NOW THEREFORE, the conditions of this Bond are as follows:

- 1. If the said PRINCIPAL as a licensee, shall promptly perform all of his duties and discharge all of his liabilities under the provisions of the North Carolina "Tobacco Products Tax Act," as amended, and shall comply with all of the provisions of the said law and with such rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Secretary of Revenue, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.
- 2. The term of this Bond begins on the _____ day of _____, and shall continue in force until made void in the manner set forth in paragraph No. 1 immediately above, or cancelled in the manner set forth in paragraph No. 3 immediately below.
- 3. The obligation of the SURETY may be cancelled upon 30 days' written notice by registered mail given by the above-named SURETY to the State of North Carolina through its agent, the Secretary of Revenue, at the address below; but such cancellation shall be prospective in operation only from the effective date thereof, and shall not operate to release any liability which shall accrue or attach before the effective date of such cancellation, whether such liability shall be ascertained or discovered before or after the effective date of such cancellation.

Signed, sealed and delivered this _____ day of _____, _____

INDIVIDUAL PRINCIPAL: _____ (SEAL)
(Signature)

AFFIX SEAL OF CORPORATION/LLC

_____ (Print Name)

PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPAL: _____ (Print Name of Partnership)

BY: _____ (SEAL)
(Signature) (Title)

ATTEST:

_____ (Print Name of Signer)

CORPORATION/LLC PRINCIPAL: _____ (Print Name of Corporation/LLC)

(Signature) (Title)

(Print Name)

BY: _____ (Signature) (Title)

_____ (Print Name of Signer)

SURETY: _____ (Print Name of Surety Company)

AFFIX SEAL OF SURETY HERE

BY: _____ as Attorney in Fact for SURETY
(Signature)

_____ (Print Name)

COUNTERSIGNED: _____

(N.C. REGISTERED AGENT OF SURETY)

INSTRUCTIONS

I. INDIVIDUAL

1. Beside the word "INDIVIDUAL PRINCIPAL," the individual must sign his/her name.
2. Beneath the signature, print the individual's name.
3. If the principal is an individual using a trade name, the individual must print the trade name in parentheses beside the individual's printed name.

II. PARTNERSHIP

1. If the principal is a partnership, the partnership name must be placed on the line immediately beside the word "PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPAL."
2. Immediately thereunder and opposite the word "BY," one of the general partners must sign his/her name and give his/her title.
3. Beneath the signature, print the signing partner's name.

III. CORPORATION

1. The corporate name must be placed on the line immediately beside the word "CORPORATION/LLC PRINCIPAL."
2. Immediately thereunder and opposite the word "BY," one of the corporate officers must sign his/her name and give his/her title.
3. Beneath the signature, print the signing officer's name.
4. Beneath the word "ATTEST," the Secretary or Assistant Secretary must sign his/her name and indicate his/her title. Beneath the signature, print the signing officer's name. In the absence of a Secretary, a letter is required from another officer not appearing on the bond verifying that the appropriate person has signed the bond to bind the company.
5. The corporate seal must be affixed above the Secretary or Assistant Secretary's signature and must be legible.

IV. LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

1. The name of the LLC must be placed on the line immediately beside the word "CORPORATION/LLC PRINCIPAL."
2. Beside the word "BY," the name of a manager of the LLC must be signed. The word "Manager" must be written above the word "TITLE."
3. Beneath the signature, print the signing manager's name.
4. If the LLC has a seal, it must be affixed and must be legible.

V. SURETY

1. A verified copy of the authority of the person executing on behalf of the corporate surety must accompany this bond.
2. The attorney-in-fact must sign and print his/her name.
3. The corporate seal of the surety must be affixed beside the signature and must be legible.
4. The bond number must be entered on the line provided on the face of the bond.
5. This bond must be countersigned by a North Carolina registered agent if the surety is a foreign corporation.