

State of Indiana

Certificate of Compliance by Non-Participating Manufacturer Regarding Escrow Payment

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the definition of a tobacco product manufacturer?

- Any entity that directly manufactures cigarettes anywhere that such manufacturer intends to be sold in the United States including cigarettes that are intended to be sold in the United States through an importer;
- The first purchaser anywhere for resale in the United States of cigarettes manufactured anywhere that the manufacturer does not intend to be sold in the United States; or
- A successor of any entity described above.

Any product containing the Surgeon General's warning is intended to be sold in the United States.

Who is required to file a certificate of compliance?

Any tobacco product manufacturer that:

- (1) sells cigarettes within the State of Indiana (whether directly or through any distributor, retailer, or similar intermediary) and
- (2) has not become a participating manufacturer in the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (the MSA).

If you satisfy these requirements, you must file a certificate of compliance to report the units of cigarettes manufactured by you and sold in the State of Indiana and pay the amount calculated into your qualified escrow fund. You may use this Model Certificate of Compliance to fulfill that obligation.

What is a qualified escrow fund?

A non-participating manufacturer required to file a certificate of compliance must establish a qualified escrow fund. This means an escrow arrangement with a U.S. federal or U.S. state-chartered financial institution having no affiliation with any tobacco product manufacturer and having assets of at least \$1,000,000,000, where such arrangement (1) requires that the financial institution hold the escrowed funds' principal for the benefit of the State of Indiana (and possibly other "Releasing Parties" as defined in the MSA) and (2) prohibits the non-participating manufacturer from using, accessing, or directing the use of the funds' principal except as consistent with Ind. Code § 24-3-3 *et seq.*

When is a certificate of compliance due?

Certificates of compliance are due on or before April 30th of the year following the sales year in question.

A certificate of compliance is due April 30, 2025, for sales made January 1 – December 31, 2024.

If you are required to make quarterly escrow payments, certificates of compliance are due no later than 30 days after the end of the quarter (April 30, July 30, October 30, January 30).

When must I make my escrow payment?

You must deposit all escrow payments into your qualified escrow fund on or before April 15th of the year following the sales year in question. After you have made your deposit, forward a copy of your receipt or other proof of deposit from your financial institution to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Indiana, along with a signed and notarized certificate of compliance.

If you are required to make quarterly escrow payments, payments and proof of payment are due no later than 30 days after the end of the quarter (April 30, July 30, October 30, January 30).

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1: Manufacturer's Identification. -- Write your name, address, telephone and fax number, and email address.

Part 2: Sales Year. -- Write the sales year.

Part 3: Units Sold. -- Indicate the appropriate quarter and write the number of individual cigarettes manufactured by you and sold during the that quarter in Indiana.

Part 4: Escrow Rates and Payments. -- Multiply the units sold by the per-stick rate (adjusted for inflation) for the sales year and write the result as your subtotal. These rates and inflation adjustment rates can be found in the Model Certificate of Compliance.

Part 5: Financial Institution. -- Write the name and address of the financial institution holding your escrow account. Include your escrow account number. Also write the total cumulative amount currently in your escrow account for the benefit of Indiana.

Part 6: Signature. -- An authorized notary public must also sign and date this certificate of compliance.

Submission: mail the original and send an electronic copy to tobacco@atg.in.gov

State of Indiana

Certificate of Compliance by Non-Participating Manufacturer Regarding Quarterly Escrow Payment

Part 1: Manufacturer's Identification

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Part 2: Sales Year

The Year of Sales for this Certificate of Compliance is: _____ (please contact our office if you are certifying for a year other than 2024)

Part 3: Units Sold in Indiana in 2024

Quarter No. 1: Jan.1, 2024 – March 31, 2024

Quarter No. 2: April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024

Quarter No. 3: July 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2024

Quarter No. 4: Oct. 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2024

Number of individual cigarettes and “roll-your-own” tobacco (.09 ounces of roll-your-own is counted as a cigarette) sold in Indiana by the Manufacturer: _____

Part 4: Quarterly Escrow Payment Amount

The appropriate deposit subtotal is \$ _____
(Multiply units sold in Part 3 by 0.0447228 and write that amount here)

Indiana Code §24-3-3-2 requires payments to be “adjusted for inflation,” in accordance with the formula for inflation adjustment set forth in Exhibit C to the Master Settlement Agreement.” Each year, this figure increases 3% or the actual inflation rate, whichever is greater. Because the actual inflation rate cannot be determined until the end of 2024, tobacco product manufacturers required to make quarterly escrow payments will be required to deposit an amount that has been cumulatively adjusted for inflation by 3%. When the adjusted for inflation rate for 2024 has been determined, manufacturers will be advised and then have until April 15, 2025, to deposit any additional money, if necessary, to satisfy the actual adjusted for inflation amount under the Act.

The 2025 payment for the 2024 sales is the cumulative adjusted for inflation rate, increased by 3%, is 137.27900%. Multiplying the base escrow deposit amount, \$0.0188482, by the cumulative adjusted for inflation rate 137.27900%, equals the cumulative inflation adjustment amount of \$0.0258746. Adding the base escrow deposit amount, \$0.0188482, to the cumulative inflation adjustment amount, \$0.0258746, equals \$0.0447228.

Note: Please attach a copy of your current executed escrow agreement and for all deposits attach copies of your receipt or other proof of deposit from your financial institution.

Part 5: Financial Institution

Name of Institution: _____

Address: _____

Escrow Acct No: _____

Total Amt. Held for the State of Indiana: _____

Part 6: Signature

Under penalties for perjury, I state that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the information contained in this Certificate of compliance is true and accurate.

This certificate of compliance must also be signed and dated by an authorized notary public.

Name of Authorized Agent: _____ Title: _____

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____ Date: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this date: _____

Signature of Notary Public: _____ City or County of _____

My Commission expires: _____

Mail this certificate of compliance to:

**State of Indiana
Office of the Attorney General
Attn: TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT
302 West Washington Street
IGC-South, 5th Floor
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

With an electronic copy sent to tobacco@atg.in.gov.