

Existing law, relative to tobacco, requires a nonparticipating manufacturer located outside of the U.S. to provide a declaration from each of its importers which provides that the importer consents to personal jurisdiction and accepts joint and several liability with the nonmanufacturer of all obligations to place funds into a qualified escrow fund for payment of all civil penalties and reasonable costs and expenses for investigation and prosecution including attorney fees.

New law clarifies that the importer consents to personal jurisdiction and accepts liability for all escrow fund obligations, for payment of all civil penalties, and for payment of all reasonable costs and expenses of investigation and prosecution.

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