

FDA RULES FOR CIGARETTES, CIGARETTE TOBACCO, AND ROLL-YOUR-OWN (RYO) TOBACCO SALES



Are you taking the necessary steps to prevent underage tobacco use?



Check photo I.D. of everyone under age 27 who attempts to purchase cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, or RYO tobacco.



Only sell cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, or RYO tobacco to customers age 18 and older.*



Only sell cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, and RYO tobacco in a direct, face-to-face exchange.**



Do NOT sell flavored cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, or RYO tobacco.***



Do NOT give away free samples of cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, or RYO tobacco, including any of their components or parts.



Do NOT sell cigarette packages containing fewer than 20 cigarettes or single cigarettes, known as "loosies."

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This flyer provides a snapshot of some of the requirements for cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, and RYO tobacco. See our website www.fda.gov/tobacco for a full list of requirements that may apply to you.

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*Retailers must also follow state or local tobacco laws, even if they are more restrictive. For example, in some states the minimum age is 19.

**The sale of cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, and smokeless tobacco through vending machines and self-service displays is allowed in adult-only facilities where no person younger than 18 is permitted to enter. Please note that tobacco product vending machines are banned in some states.

***Menthol and tobacco flavored cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, and RYO tobacco are permitted to be sold.