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Notice to Michigan Authorized Stampers:

We are excited to announce that Michigan has signed a new contract with SICPA Product Security to provide Encrypted Cigarette Stamps, supporting systems, and related services.

The Michigan Department of Treasury will be transitioning key digital stamp functionality from OpSec Security, Inc to SICPA Product Security over the next several months. Our goal is to deliver the enhanced functionality and service with minimal disruption to Michigan Authorized Stamping Agents. Existing stamping equipment and all related hardware will remain the same as a result of this transition, however, the program will include a new stamp design and ordering software.

SICPA Product Security and its SICPATRACE® digital encrypted stamping platform were selected based on:

- **Proven experience, proven solution** – SICPATRACE® was launched in 2005 and successfully supports all three of the other encrypted cigarette stamp programs in North America – California, Massachusetts, and Canada – plus dozens of national programs around the world;
- **Commitment to market and continuous enhancements** with multiple customers and a priority on meeting evolving needs with a flexible shared platform across contracts; and
- **Ability to minimize cost and impact of change** by leveraging and integrating with current investments by the State and Authorized Stampers.

Treasury is actively working with SICPA to develop additional communication, and in January we will launch www.Mltrace.com to share updates on the program including a high-level schedule and FAQs.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Treasury's Tobacco Tax Unit at treas_tobaccotaxes@michigan.gov or at (517) 636-4630.