



## **New Policy for Filing Wholesale Dealer of Cigarettes Informational Return**

Since 2010, wholesale dealers of cigarettes, including stamping agents, have been required to electronically file quarterly informational returns. (See TSB-M-10(2)M, *Wholesale Dealers of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products Must Begin Filing Quarterly Informational Returns.*)

In an effort to strengthen data security, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance will no longer accept these informational returns on magnetic tapes, CDs, DVDs, floppy discs, removable drives, or any other form of portable media.

Until further notice, beginning with the quarter December 1, 2011, through February 29, 2012, wholesale dealers of cigarettes must electronically file quarterly informational returns using a secure communications channel. An e-mail address and password is all that will be needed to set up an account. Please contact our Taxpayer Contact Center at 518-457-5735 for details.

**NOTE:** An Important Notice is generally issued to announce a singular event, such as an update to a previously issued tax form or instruction, or to announce a new due date for filing returns and making payments of tax because of a natural disaster. The Department does not revise previously issued N-Notices.