

# 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 ID 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](http://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.