

Excise stamps on cigarettes

Do cigarettes sold in Canada require an excise stamp?



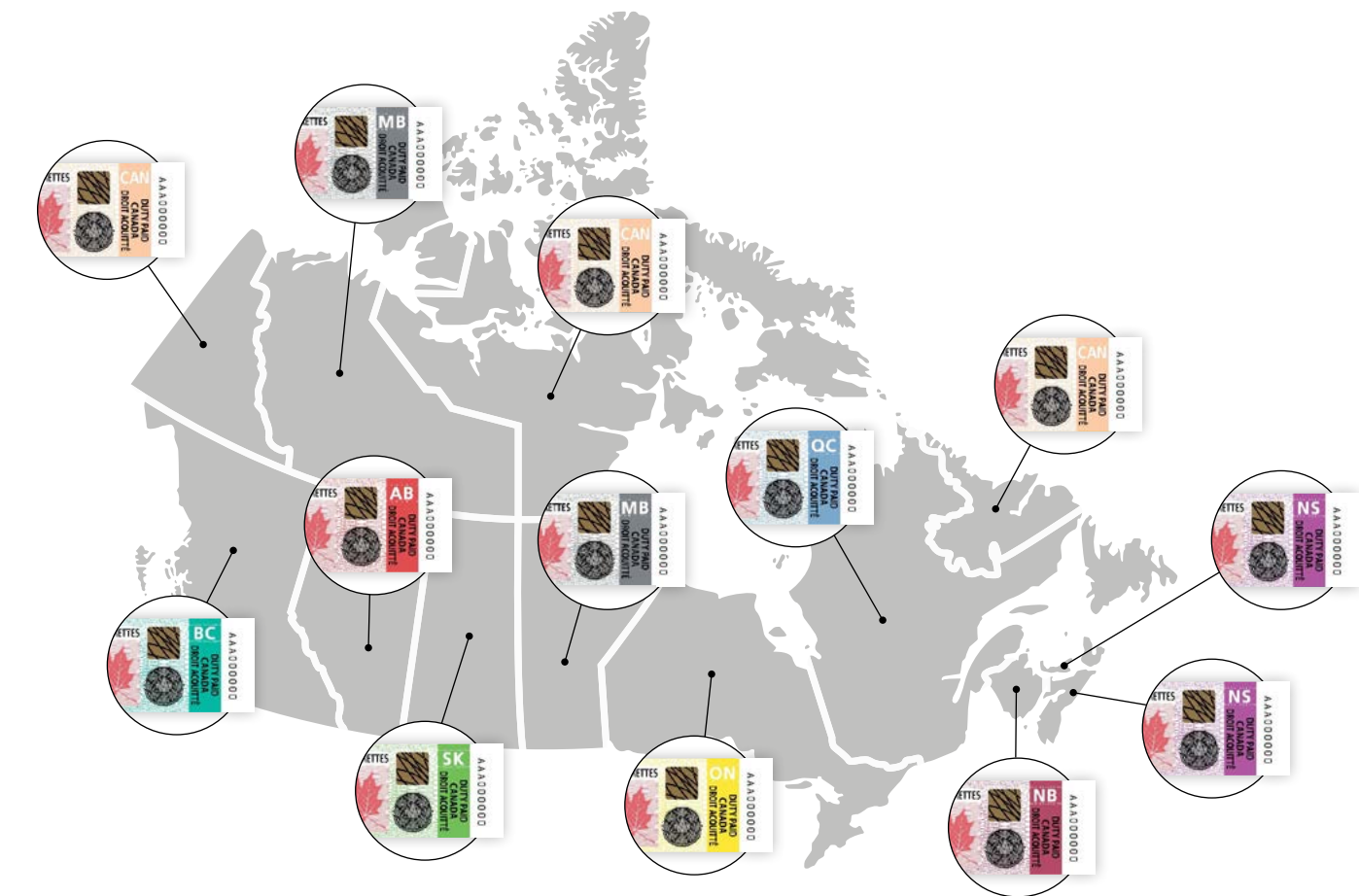
An excise stamp shows consumers, retailers and law enforcement that excise duty has been paid on the cigarettes, whether they are imported or manufactured in Canada.

Each pack of cigarettes for sale to consumers in Canada requires an excise stamp. The stamp should seal the package and must be broken or torn to open the package: a properly applied stamp should not “peel off”.

Which stamp should be applied?

An excise stamp for cigarettes includes the words “**DUTY PAID CANADA DROIT ACQUITTÉ**”, “**CIGARETTES**”, the number of cigarettes in the package (20 or 25), and the province or territory where the cigarettes are intended to be sold.

The stamp identifies the province by its abbreviation and distinctive colour band and background. However, the federal CANADA peach-coloured stamp is used in some jurisdictions, on some cigarettes sold at duty-free shops, and on some cigarettes sold by on-reserve retailers to Indigenous consumers.



The Cigarette Excise Stamp

The stamp measures exactly 20 mm x 40 mm and includes visible and hidden security features. You may see similar types of excise duty stamps on cigars, raw leaf tobacco and manufactured tobacco, as well as on cannabis and vaping products.

