

Excise return Cigarette inventory tax

Business name	
Mailing Address	
City	
Province	Postal code

Send this completed return to:
 Canada Revenue Agency
 Prince Edward Island Tax Centre
 275 Pope Road
 Summerside PE C1N 6E7

Under the Excise Act, 2001, the rates of excise duty on tobacco products will be adjusted annually every April 1 based on changes to the Consumer Price Index. In addition, a cigarette inventory tax will be imposed on inventories of duty paid and special duty paid cigarettes held in inventory at 12:01 am on April 1, 2020.

Please read the instructions on page 2 before completing this return.

1 Account number	2 Reporting period (YYYYMMDD)	3 Due date (YYYYMMDD)
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4. Inventory calculation

Product description	Number of containers	Units per container	Number of cigarettes
Cartons of 200 cigarettes			
Packages of 20 cigarettes			
Packages of 25 cigarettes			

Total: Enter the total number of cigarettes in the shaded box. **5**
 Transfer this amount to the "Quantity" field in the Tax Calculation table below.

6. Tax calculation

Product description	Code	Quantity (Cigarettes)	Tax rate (Per cigarette)	Tax payable
Cigarettes	49521			

Total due		7
Payment		8

Contact name	Telephone number	Ext
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Certification

As an authorized person, I certify that the information given on this return is correct and complete. It is a serious offence to make a false statement. Incomplete or incorrect information may delay the processing of your return.

Print name	Title		
Telephone number	Ext	Signature	Date (YYYYMMDD)

Form prescribed by the Minister of National Revenue

Personal information is collected for purposes of the administration or enforcement of the Excise Tax Act, 2001 and related programs and activities such as administering tax, rebates, elections, audit, compliance, and collection. Personal information may be shared for the purposes of other federal Acts that provide for the imposition and collection of a tax or duty. Personal information may also be shared with other federal, provincial, territorial or foreign government institutions to the extent authorized by law. Failure to provide this information may result in interest payable, penalties or other actions. Under the Privacy Act, individuals have the right to access their personal information, request correction, or file a complaint to the Privacy Commissioner of Canada regarding the handling of the individual's personal information. Refer to Personal Information Bank CRA PPU 224 at canada.ca/cra-info-source.

Instructions for completing page 1

Identification	Enter the business name and mailing address of the business. For sole proprietorship enter the first and last name of the individual. For corporations and partnerships, enter the legal name.
1. Account number	Enter the RD account number that was assigned to you. If you don't have an RD account number, then provide the first 9 digits of your Business Number.
2. Reporting period	April 1, 2020
3. Due date	Form B273, Excise Return – Cigarette Inventory Tax, and payment are both due on May 31, 2020. Interest will apply after that date on late or deficient payments. When a due date falls on a Saturday, a Sunday, or a public holiday, we consider your return and payment to be sent on time if we receive them on the next business day.
4. Inventory	<p>An inventory of duty paid and special duty paid cigarettes owned by a person at the beginning (12:01 a.m.) of April 1, 2020, must be determined in a fair and reasonable manner and be supported by appropriate books and records. This information should be kept for audit purposes.</p> <p>All duty paid and special duty paid cigarettes owned by the person must be counted and shall include products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) stored in any place, such as in the person's warehouse, store rooms, cash-and-carry outlets, retail outlets, display areas or delivery trucks; and (b) purchased by the person before April 1, 2020, but received after the inventory count. <p>For duty paid and special duty paid cigarettes that you own in your inventory, enter the number of containers in the "Number of containers" column.</p> <p>Multiply this number by the units assigned in the "Units per container" column. Enter the result in the "Number of cigarettes" column.</p> <p>Transfer the total of that column to the "Quantity" column in the "Tax calculation" section.</p>
6. Tax calculation	<p>Multiply the total "Quantity (Cigarettes)" by the "Tax rate (per cigarette)" and enter the results in "Tax Payable" box.</p> <p>If a person has a separate retail establishment with an inventory of more than 30,000 duty paid and special duty paid cigarettes, the tax is payable on the inventory held at that location.</p>
8. Payment	Enter the amount being paid with this return.
Certification	An authorized person must sign this section certifying that the information provided on the return is correct and complete.

General

- "Person" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a trust, the estate of a deceased individual, a government or a body that is a society, a union, a club, an association, a commission, or another organization of any kind.
- "duty paid and special duty paid cigarette" refers to
 - duty-paid and special duty-paid cigarettes, that is cigarettes on which excise duty has been paid as indicated by "Duty Paid Canada Droit Acquitté" on the affixed tobacco stamp and
 - imported unstamped cigarettes on which special duty was paid by a duty-free shop.
- "Unit" means one cigarette
- **It does not include duty-paid cigarettes in vending machines.**

Who has to file a return and pay cigarette inventory tax:

At the beginning of April 1, 2020, all persons who own an inventory of duty paid and special duty paid cigarettes must complete and file a form B273 Excise Return – Cigarette Inventory Tax except those persons who do not hold more than 30,000 duty paid and special duty paid cigarettes. Note that 30,000 cigarettes equates to 150 cartons of 200 cigarettes per carton.

Supporting documentation

Keep a duplicate copy of completed Form B273, Excise Return – Cigarette Inventory Tax, together with supporting documentation, for verification by the Canada Revenue Agency.

Several locations

GST/HST registrants who have elected to file GST/HST returns as separate branches or divisions may also file separate cigarette inventory tax returns for each branch or division.

More information

If you need more information, consult [Excise Duty Notice EDN64, Cigarette Inventory Tax on April 1, 2020](#), or call a regional excise office. For a list of these offices, go to [Contact Information – Excise Duties, Excise Taxes, Fuel Charge and Air Travellers Security Charge](#).

Where to send the return and make the payment

Send your copy of the signed Form B273, Excise Return – Cigarette Inventory Tax and payment to:

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