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Dear Retailer:

There is a new way to document your sales of tax-exempt tobacco and fuel. No more signature sheets or paper returns needed!

I am pleased to share that our Ministry has developed the Tobacco and Fuel Tax Exemption Simplification (TAFT) system, an electronic system to replace the current paper-based process for tax-exempt tobacco and fuel sales. The TAFT system runs on government-supplied tablets and is now available to retailers for use on a voluntary basis.

About the TAFT system

The TAFT system was designed with input from retailers like you in the Exempt Sale Retailer Dealer (ESRD) and Exempt Fuel Retailer (EFR) programs. Your valuable feedback led to the creation of features such as:

- Up-front verification of purchaser eligibility, including sales limit tracking
- An easy-to-use tax-exempt gas calculator
- Back-end reports for retailers
- Electronic filing, eliminating the need for paper-based documentation and return filing

Next Steps

If you would like to use the TAFT system, please contact the Tobacco Tax Section directly at TAFTproject@gov.bc.ca or by phone at 250-387-9115.

There is no cost to participate.

We offer on-site installation and training, if you require, over the spring and summer of 2023.

More details on the system development project, including reports from engagement sessions, can be found online at our project website. To access the website, go to gov.bc.ca/salestaxes and click on Tobacco and Fuel Tax Exemption Simplification Project.

If you have any questions, you may reach out directly to either me or Mark Johnson, Manager, Tobacco Tax, by email at Mark.A.Johson@gov.bc.ca or by telephone at 778 698-9659.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Lee".

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