



CIGARETTE IGNITION PROPENSITY FIRE SAFE CIGARETTES PROGRAM

Marking Requirements

Effective August 1, 2009, [RCW 19.305.040](#) requires that all cigarette packaging for cigarettes sold in Washington must be marked as follows:

Must consist of one of the following:

- Marking must be in eight-point font or larger.
- Modification of the universal product code to indicate a visible mark printed at or around the universal product code.
- The mark may consist of alphanumeric or symbolic characters permanently printed, stamped, engraved, or embossed in conjunction with the universal product code.
- Visible combination of alphanumeric or symbolic characters permanently stamped, engraved, or embossed upon the packaging or cellophane wrapping.
- Printed, stamped, engraved, or embossed text indicating that the cigarettes meet the fire safety performance standard established in [RCW 19.305.020](#).

The State Fire Marshal will approve or disapprove the proposal for packaging marking. In determining whether to approve or disapprove a proposal for packaging marking, the State Fire Marshal:

- Will give preference to packaging marking that is consistent with the packaging marking in use and approved for that cigarette variety in the state of New York; and
- Will approve packaging marking that bears the letters “FSC”.



A proposal for packaging marking is approved unless the State Fire Marshal disapproves the proposal on or before the 10th business day after receipt.



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**Exception for Existing Stocks of
Non-FSC Cigarettes**

Any existing stock purchased prior to August 1, 2009, may be sold without the required marking if:

- The wholesale or retail dealer can establish that state tax stamps were affixed to the cigarettes prior to August 1, 2009; and
- The wholesale or retail dealer can establish that the inventory was purchased prior to August 1, 2009, in comparable quantity to the inventory purchased during the same period of the prior year.