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NOTICE TO TOBACCO TAX LICENSEES

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The Michigan Automated Tax System (MiMATS) – Treasury’s new Tobacco tax processing system will be implemented on **July 30, 2018**. The July 2018 Tobacco tax returns will be filed in the MiMATS system and will be due on August 20, 2018.

In April, Treasury sent a communication focused on filing options in the new system. To reiterate, the filing options are listed below:

1. *Web Filing* – Manual entry of your return directly in the online portal.
(*Filing option currently available*)
2. *Excel Spreadsheet* – Updated Excel spreadsheet used to upload return data in the online portal. The Excel spreadsheets are available on Treasury’s Web site. (*Similar to ASCII file format used currently*)
3. *XML File Format* – Upload return data through the online portal in an XML format. The XML Schema and guide are available on Treasury’s Web site.
(*New filing option*)

The ASCII File format will no longer be accepted after **July 20, 2018**. If you currently use the ASCII File format, we recommend you consider using the Excel spreadsheet, which is a similar format to the ASCII File format. While the XML format is available to all licensees to use, it could require more extensive programming than the Excel Spreadsheet.

Please note: At this time, Michigan does not participate in the Federation of Tax Administration Tobacco Uniformity Project.

Answers to questions regarding the Excel Spreadsheet and XML formats can be found on the “What’s New” tab at michigan.gov/tobaccotaxes or by contacting the Tobacco Tax Unit at 517-636-4630.