



New Stamp Design Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
Why are the stamps being redesigned by the FTA?	The FTA has taken the decision to update the design of the tax stamp to prevent the possibility of illicit trade of tobacco products in the UAE.
What are the changes that will be done on the stamp designs?	The changes are done only on the base design of the stamp. The format, size, shape, material, thickness, and base colour remains the same as the existing stamps.
When is the start date for receiving requests for the Digital Tax Stamps with the new design?	Receiving requests for Digital Tax Stamps with the new design for local markets and Duty Free inbound (red and lilac) will start from 1 October 2021. Receiving orders for Digital Tax Stamps with the new design for Duty Free markets outbound (green and blue) will start from 1 January 2022.
Should our stamp orders be in line with the dates of receiving requests for new Digital Tax Stamps?	The FTA will continue to accept requests for Digital Tax Stamps as usual, for both the current and new design. You may continue managing your stock of Digital Tax Stamps to ensure that they are used during their validity period.
How will the new design impact tobacco production?	There will be no impact on your processes or procedures at the factory.
What changes will need to be done after the new stamps have been released?	The FTA doesn't require any changes to be done from your side. From the specified dates of receiving requests, the new Digital Tax Stamps will be available to place orders. The system will continue to recognise the existing stamp designs within the twelve-month validity timeframe from the date of receiving the stamps.