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To: All licensed distributors and retailers

Re: Authorization of Release of Versions 3.0 and 3.1 of the Ontario Electronic Business Transactions (EBT) Standards

The Board released today, after the review of the recommendations of the Electronic Business Transactions (EBT) Standards Advisory Committee, versions 3.0 and 3.1 of the EBT Standards. The implementation date for version 3.0 is April 11, 2005. Version 3.0 is largely to implement the long-term EBT solution that will permit the "seamless" movement of customers of retailers from one location to another location in the same distributor's territory. The implementation date for version 3.1 is October 11, 2005.

Yours truly,

Assistant Board Secretary