

Examples of Filtered Cigarettes and Cigars NOT Legal to Sell

in the Unincorporated Area of Santa Cruz County as of January 1, 2027

Filtered Cigarettes

These are tobacco products wrapped in paper that contain a partially inconsumable embedded component commonly referred to or marketed as a filter.

These filters are typically firm and uniform in shape and color, and are not intended for consumption, regardless of material.



Filtered Cigars, Little Cigars, and Cigarillos



These are tobacco products wrapped in tobacco leaf that contain a partially inconsumable embedded component commonly referred to or marketed as a filter.

These filters are typically firm and uniform in shape and color.

Examples of Unfiltered Cigarettes and Cigars Still Legal to Sell

in the Unincorporated Area of Santa Cruz County as of January 1, 2027

Unfiltered Cigarettes

These products contain only tobacco and paper, with the tobacco visible at both ends and no embedded filter.



Unfiltered Cigars, Little Cigars, and Cigarillos

These products contain only tobacco and tobacco leaf, with the tobacco visible at both ends and no embedded filter.



Unfiltered Tipped Little Cigars and Cigarillos

These products may include a plastic or wooden external tip but do not contain any filter material inside the product.

PLEASE NOTE: Some products may appear unfiltered but contain an embedded filter in addition to an attached tip. If a product contains an embedded filter, it is not permitted for sale, regardless of whether a tip is present.



**DISCLAIMER: Examples are for reference only. Retailers are responsible for ensuring compliance with local ordinance requirements.*

Use the Unflavored Tobacco List (UTL) as an Additional Resource

The California Department of Justice's Unflavored Tobacco List (UTL) may be used as a reference tool. Retailers can use the search function on the website to look up product names or keywords such as "filtered" or "non-filtered." The UTL is not a definitive list of allowed or prohibited products. Final determination of whether a product may be sold is based on the product's physical characteristics and compliance with local ordinance requirements.

