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To the Honorable Commissioner of Pa

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Attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies)

REPUBLIC TOBACCO L.P.

11-16-2000

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- Individual(s)
- General Partnership
- Corporation-State
- Other
- Association
- Limited Partnership

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?  Yes  No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment
- Security Agreement
- Other Nunc Pro Tunc Assignment
- Merger
- Change of Name

Execution Date: March 31, 2000

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Top Tobacco L.P.

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 204 Top Tobacco Road

City: Lake Waccamaw State: NC ZIP: 28450

- Individual(s) citizenship \_\_\_\_\_
- Association \_\_\_\_\_
- General Partnership \_\_\_\_\_
- Limited Partnership Delaware
- Corporation-State \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached:  Yes  No

(Designations must be a separate document from Assignment)

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?  Yes  No

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):

A. Trademark Application No.(s)

B. Trademark registration No.(s)

2,392,549

Additional numbers attached?  Yes  No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: Antony McShane

Internal Address: Katten Muchin Zavis

Suite 1600

Street Address: 525 West Monroe Street

City: Chicago State: IL ZIP: 60661

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):..... \$ 40.00

Enclosed

Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number:

(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)

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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Deborah A. Wing  
Name of Person Signing

[Signature]  
Signature

11/16/00  
Date

Total number of pages comprising cover sheet: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT NUNC PRO TUNC**

Whereas Republic Tobacco L.P. ("Assignor"), a Delaware limited partnership, located at 2301 Ravine Way, Glenview, Illinois 60025, has adopted, used and is using in its business in connection with the sale and distribution of smoking tobacco the following trademark and registration thereof ("Trademark"):

<u>Mark</u>	<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
DRUM	2,392,549	October 10, 2000

Whereas Top Tobacco L.P. ("Assignee"), a Delaware limited partnership, located and doing business at 204 Top Tobacco Road, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina 28450 is desirous of acquiring said Trademark.

**WHEREAS**, Assignee is desirous of acquiring all right, title and interest in and to the Trademark, together with the goodwill of the business connected with the use of and symbolized by the Trademark;

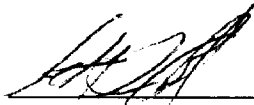
**NOW THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor sells, assigns and transfers to Assignee, Nunc Pro Tunc, effective as of March 31, 2000, the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under the Trademark listed above, together with the goodwill of the business connected with the use of and symbolized

by the Trademark, together with the right to sue for any past infringement of the Trademark.

REPUBLIC TOBACCO L.P.

By its General Partner, Republic Tobacco  
Management Corp.

Date: Nov. 15, 2000

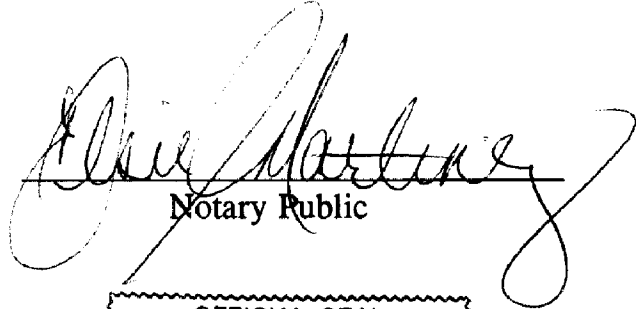
By: 

Name: Seth I. Gold

Title: Exec VP

STATE OF ILLINOIS       )  
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COUNTY OF COOK                    )

On this 15<sup>TH</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2000, before me appeared the person who signed this instrument, who acknowledged that he signed it as a free act on behalf of the identified corporation with authority to do so.

  
Notary Public

OFFICIAL SEAL  
ELSIE MARTINEZ  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 4-19-2002

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