



# Returns Excise for Tobacco

## Tax Compliance Automation for E-Cigarette Excise Taxes



### Business challenge

As e-cigarette sales continue to grow, many state and local governments are implementing new excise taxes on these products to broaden their tax base and increase tax revenues. E-cigarette and vape wholesalers and retailers who have previously not needed to file and remit tobacco excise tax are now required to do so. With each state having its own unique tax rules, rates, and forms, the significant new administrative costs and compliance challenges faced by wholesalers and retailers can be overwhelming.

### Solution

Avalara Returns Excise for Tobacco generates signature-ready tobacco tax returns from e-cigarette transaction data, enabling automation of the filing process and ensuring tax compliance. By integrating directly with back-office systems, the need for time-consuming and error-prone spreadsheets typically used in tax preparation is avoided. After normalizing and validating transaction data, tax schedules are built, taxes are calculated, and signature-ready returns are prepared automatically. By eliminating manual tasks in the tax filing process, productivity is improved and risk of audit liability is reduced.

With built-in tax rules, rates, and forms, tax accuracy is ensured, and updates are handled by Avalara. This eliminates the need to track tax changes and ensures on-going tax compliance. Built-in workflow support automates approval processes, provides status visibility, and ensures filing deadlines are met. In addition, the Schedule Query Wizard feature makes it easy to create reports or extract tax data for analysis or audit support.

### KEY BENEFITS

- **Improve tax filing productivity** by automating the filing process and eliminating manual data collection and spreadsheets
- **Reduce errors and ensure tax compliance** through back-office integration, automatic data validation, and built-in tax rules, rates, and forms
- **Reduce IT costs** by eliminating tax reporting projects, hardware requirements, and application management

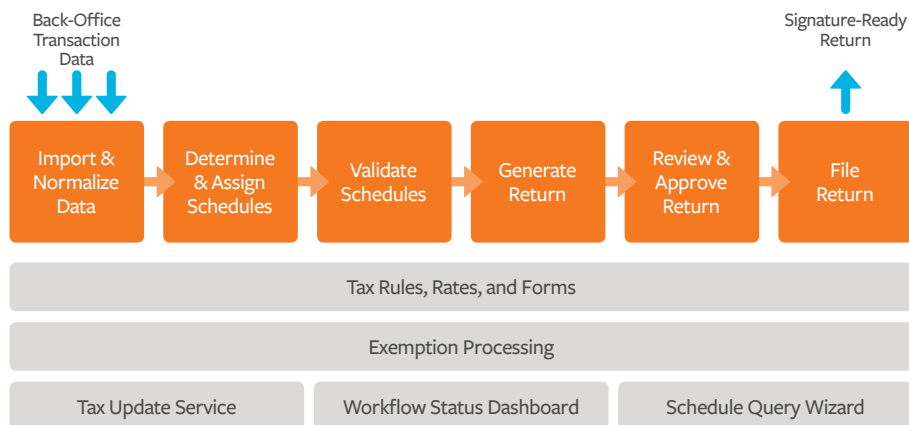


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## Returns Excise for Tobacco Workflow



Avalara Returns Excise for Tobacco is delivered as a cloud-based service, eliminating hardware and software requirements while providing high reliability, security, and 24x365 support. Avalara solutions have a strong reputation for reliability and tax accuracy, and are trusted by both tax professionals and taxing jurisdictions alike.

### KEY FEATURES

- **Back-office Integration** – Direct integration and transaction data import from any back-office system
- **Built-in Support for E-Cigarette Taxing Jurisdictions** – Signature-ready tax return generation for e-cigarette wholesalers and retailers
- **Tax Update Service** – Monthly tax content updates ensure that new rules, rates, and forms are always available
- **Workflow Status Dashboard** – Easy visibility and notification of tax process status, including return generation, approval, filing, acceptance, and amendment processes
- **Schedule Query Wizard** – Generate reports or tax data extracts for analysis or audit response
- **Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) Deployment** – Software hosted and managed in a highly-available, secure data center with full disaster recovery and 24x365 support

## About Avalara

Avalara helps businesses of all sizes achieve compliance with sales tax, VAT, GST, excise tax, and other transactional tax requirements by delivering comprehensive, automated, cloud-based solutions that are fast, accurate, and easy to use. Avalara's end-to-end suite of solutions are designed to effectively manage complicated and burdensome tax compliance obligations imposed by state, local, and other taxing authorities in the United States and internationally.

Avalara offers hundreds of pre-built connectors into leading accounting, ERP, ecommerce and other business applications. The company processes millions of tax transactions for customers and free users every day, files hundreds of thousands of transactional tax returns per year, and manages millions of exemption certificates and other compliance related documents. Avalara employs more than 700 people at its headquarters on Bainbridge Island, WA and in offices across the U.S. and in London, UK and Pune, India. More information at: [www.avalara.com](http://www.avalara.com)



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