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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| 1. Notifying Member: <u>LITHUANIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2): |
| 2. Agency responsible: State Consumer rights protection Authority Vilniaus street 25, LT-01402 Vilnius, LITHUANIA Tel. : (+370 5) 262 6751 E-mail tarnyba@vvtat.lt Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: National WTO TBT Enquiry point: Lithuanian Standards Board Algirdo st 31, LT-03219 Vilnius LITHUANIA Tel. : +370 659 67311 E-mail: dalia.reginiene@lsd.lt (cc: enquiry@lsd.lt) |
| 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other: |
| 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): E-cigarettes |
| 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Order of the Director of the State Consumer Rights Protection Authority "On Approval of the List of Chemical Substances Permitted to be Used in the Republic of Lithuania to Impart Tobacco Flavor and Odor to Electronic Cigarette Liquid and Refill Cartridges"; (3 page(s), in Lithuanian) |
| 6. Description of content: This draft Order establishes restrictions on the placing on the market of e-cigarette liquids containing flavoring substances, except for flavoring substances that impart the smell or taste of tobacco; a list of permitted flavoring substances that impart the smell or taste of tobacco is established in accordance with Article 9(2)(5) of the Law on Control of Tobacco, Tobacco Products and Products Related to the Republic of Lithuania. |
| 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The purpose of the Order is to protect the health interests of the public, especially children and adolescents, by introducing stricter regulations on nicotine-containing products, reducing their availability and attractiveness. As the use of e-cigarettes among teenagers is increasing all over the world, according to a study conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO), the situation in Lithuania is probably the worst. It is announced that more likely 11-15-year-olds has tried electronic cigarettes. |

According to the studies, there is 60% of fifteen-year-olds have smoked electronic cigarettes at least once; among 11-year-old age group - 20%. Electronic cigarettes are becoming increasingly attractive to children and adolescents because, unlike traditional cigarettes, they do not have the characteristic smell of tobacco and can be flavored in a variety of ways. The list of chemicals that are allowed to be used in the Republic of Lithuania to give the taste and smell of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette filling liquid is aimed at reducing the attractiveness, supply and availability of e-cigarettes.

8. Relevant documents:

Draft Order of the Director of the State Consumer Rights Protection Authority "On Approval of the List of Chemical Substances Permitted to be Used in the Republic of Lithuania to Impart Tobacco Flavor and Odor to Electronic Cigarette Liquid and Refill Cartridges

<https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAP/ab3e5b000d2b11ef8e4be9fad87afa59?positionInSearchResults=0&searchModelUUID=fb7fa04b-b4e6-4744-b9dd-74e317d06c3e>

9. Proposed date of adoption: 1 July 2024

Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2025

10. Final date for comments: Please accept as a matter of urgency. The list of chemicals that are allowed to be used in the Republic of Lithuania to give the taste and smell of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette filling liquid is aimed at reducing the attractiveness, supply and availability of e-cigarettes.

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

National WTO TBT Enquiry point:
Lithuanian Standards Board
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Draft Order:

<https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAP/ab3e5b000d2b11ef8e4be9fad87afa59?positionInSearchResults=0&searchModelUUID=fb7fa04b-b4e6-4744-b9dd-74e317d06c3e>

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/LTU/24_03801_00_x.pdf