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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 25 of the Tobacco Law, 2008, the Governor in Cabinet makes the following regulations-

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Tobacco Regulations, 2010.

2. In these Regulations-

“controlled smoking area” means that section of a public facility where smoking is permitted as regulated by the Law;

“facility” includes establishment;

“recreational facilities” includes cinemas, theatres, entertainment or games rooms, parks or sports facilities; and

“year” means a calendar year.

3. (1) An applicant for a Certificate of Registration as a dealer in tobacco products shall submit to the Chief Officer an application in writing in the form set out as Form 1 in Schedule 1 accompanied by a non-refundable fee of one hundred dollars.

(2) A successful applicant shall be issued a Certificate of Registration in the form set out as Form 2 in Schedule 1.

(3) An application for annual registration shall be accompanied by the following fees-
(a) five hundred dollars for a retailer;
(b) seven hundred and fifty dollars for the operator of a cigar bar;
and
(c) five thousand dollars for a wholesale distributor or importer,
which fees shall be refundable if the application is unsuccessful.

(4) Where a registrant wishes to relocate his business establishment he shall apply by letter, at least ninety days prior to such proposed relocation, to the Chief Officer for a variation of his Certification of Registration which variation shall be granted subject to paragraph (5).

(5) In processing an application under paragraph (4) the Chief Officer in consultation with the Department of Planning shall take into account the suitability of the location of the proposed new premises and whether the registrant has been in compliance with the Law.

Duration of registration

4. (1) The period of registration shall run from 1st January to 31st December.

(2) In respect of an initial application, where at the date of application—

(a) there are two months or more remaining in the year, registration is issued until the end of that year with the full fee being payable; or
(b) the period remaining in the year is less than two months, the applicant shall pay fifty per cent of the annual fee plus the equivalent of one year’s registration fee for the following year.

(3) An application for renewal shall be in the form set out as Form 3 in Schedule 1 but where, in the context of his dealership in tobacco products there has been a change in the applicant’s circumstances since his last registration, he shall also complete Form 1 in Schedule 1.

(4) The deadline for the submission of applications for renewal of the Certificate is 1st November of each year and applications submitted after 1st November and up to 31st December will attract a late fee of an additional 50% of the registration fee, but applications submitted after 31st December and up to 31st January will attract a late fee of an additional 100% of the registration fee.
(5) Registration will continue uninterrupted once the application for renewal is received prior to the expiration date but where the registration has expired and no application for renewal is received by 31st January, the registrant shall cease operations and shall wait for twelve months before consideration may be given to his new application for registration.

(6) The renewal of registration shall not be granted if the registrant has not been in compliance with the Law.

5. (1) The owner of any recreational facility who is desirous of using his business enterprise to deal in or promote the use of a tobacco product, is debarred from acquiring a Certificate of Registration.

(2) The prohibition described in paragraph (1) shall also apply to any other business enterprise where minors are the primary customers or consumers of the product or service that is the main business of the establishment.

6. The register required to be kept and maintained by the Chief Officer under section 4(5) of the Law shall be computerised and shall contain the following information-

(a) the serial number of the application;
(b) the date of the application;
(c) the name of the owner and the location and mailing address of the business enterprise;
(d) the name of the principal owner and contact details;
(e) the Trade and Business licence number;
(f) the nature of the business (whether wholesale distributor, importer or retailer);
(g) the outcome of the application;
(h) the reference to sales through Internet and mail order;
(i) the number of the Certificate; and
(j) the period of the validity of the Certificate.

7. (1) Within six months of the issuance of the initial Certificate and no later than February of the subsequent year every importer and wholesale distributor shall provide the Chief Officer with a signed statement containing the following particulars in relation to the tobacco product-
(a) the name and type of the product;
(b) the country of origin of the product;
(c) the name of the manufacturer;
(d) an annual report from the manufacturer in relation to the product and its emissions as required either in the country of origin or by ISO standards;
(e) current details regarding identified health risks of tobacco use as required by the manufacturer, by the authorities in the country of origin and in keeping with the latest medical evidence; and
(f) any other information required by the Chief Officer in accordance with the World Health Organization Framework Convention of Tobacco Control (FCTC).

(2) The registrant shall at all times display the Certificate in a prominent place of the business for the benefit of the public.

8. (1) No person shall sell a tobacco product unless on each package there is displayed on a principal display surface, a graphic health warning in accordance with the following specifications-

(a) the warning shall be written in English and shall be legible and clearly visible to the person who sells as well as to the prospective purchaser;
(b) the text of the warning shall occupy at least thirty percent of the display space but no less than that required by the country of origin and be positioned parallel to the top edge of the package; and
(c) the text of the warning shall be so positioned on the package as to ensure that it does not become severed or illegible upon the opening of the package.

(2) Every seller of a tobacco product shall ensure that there is displayed on a principal display surface of every package of the product that he sells, a statement as to the product’s toxic emissions and such statement shall be in accordance with the following specifications-

(a) the statement shall be in English;
(b) the text of the statement shall be so positioned as to ensure that it does not become severed or illegible upon the opening of the package; and

(c) the text of the statement shall consist of a list of toxic emissions to include but not limited to tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide.

(3) Where cigars are sold as single items the retailer shall provide plastic bags-

(a) on which shall be printed the health warnings and health messages; or

(b) in which a leaflet containing the health warnings or health messages shall be placed.

9. At the point of sale of a tobacco product the owner of the establishment shall display, in a prominent place in the vicinity of the area where such products are located, a sign which-

(a) shall be written in English and be legible and clearly visible to the person who sells the product as well as to the prospective purchaser of the product;

(b) shall read “SMOKING KILLS” or “SMOKING IS DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH” and any other related message as may be determined by the Chief Officer; and

(c) shall be prominently displayed on a surface measuring no less than eight and one half inches in height and fourteen inches in width containing black and white capitalised font against a red background.

10. (1) Every retailer at the point of sale shall display a sign to the effect that the legal age at which a tobacco product may be purchased is eighteen years.

(2) The sign shall be not less than four inches in height and six inches in width on a red background with black and white text and shall state that “tobacco products are not sold to anyone under the age of eighteen.”.

(3) The sign shall also state that the seller may require evidence of the age of the prospective buyer.
11. (1) A retailer, in attempting to verify that the prospective purchaser of a tobacco product is not a minor, shall require him to produce documentary identification that contains-

- a photograph of the prospective purchaser;
- his date of birth; and
- evidence that the document was issued either by the Government of the Islands or by or on behalf of the Government of any other country.

(2) Subject to paragraph (1) the following types of identification are acceptable-

- a driver’s licence;
- a passport; or
- a voter’s registration card.

12. (1) Subject to paragraph (3) a retailer may display the brand element.

(2) The prohibition outlined in section 8 of the Law and those enumerated in this regulation do not apply to a merchant-

- who is not a retailer; and
- whose establishment does not trade exclusively in brand elements.

(3) Where the retailer displays the brand element, such display shall be subject to the following restrictions-

- there shall be only one area in any business premises where such display may be permitted;
- only one packet size of twenty cigarettes of each brand may be displayed in the display area;
- the size of the display area shall not exceed one square meter;
- there shall be no display of cartons; and
- where the venue is an enclosed facility, the product displays shall not be visible from outside unless those displays are in respect of non-tobacco brand elements.

13. (1) Every application to the Chief Officer for registration shall be accompanied by a disclosure as to whether the applicant is or intends to become
engaged in sales through the Internet and mail and failure to so disclose is a bar
to lawfully engaging in such sales.

(2) Commercial transactions in tobacco products through the Internet and
mail are permissible but only for export purposes and among registered dealers in
tobacco products.

(3) For purposes of inspection every tobacco dealer shall keep a record of
each transaction done through the Internet and by mail.

14. (1) Where smoking in a public place, other than a public conveyance, is
prohibited by the Law, it shall be the responsibility of the owner of the
establishment to post at least one no-smoking sign at each entrance and exit, and
in appropriate locations to ensure that the public is aware that smoking is not
permitted, which sign shall-

(a) be written in English;
(b) be prominently displayed on a surface measuring no less than six
inches in height by eight and one half inches in width in a black
and white capitalised font at least three inches in height against a
red background;
(c) have on the upper portion of the display surface a reproduction
of the international no-smoking symbol, the circle of which
symbol shall measure at least six inches in diameter;
(d) be protected from tampering, damage, removal or concealment;
and
(e) identify the office holder to whom a complaint may be made in
respect of anyone found smoking in contravention of the Law.

(2) The no-smoking signs posted in a public conveyance shall-

(a) prominently display the international no-smoking symbol; and
(b) identify an office holder to whom a complaint may be made in
respect of anyone found smoking in contravention of the Law.

15 (1) Every controlled smoking area designated as such under section 12 of
the Law by the owner of the facility shall require the approval of the Building
Control Unit of the Planning Department and the Department of Environmental
Health and the owner of such facility shall-
(a) take every precaution to ensure that the smoke is properly contained and eliminated in accordance with these Regulations;
(b) conduct maintenance checks to ensure that health and safety criteria and all other relevant codes and standards are observed; and
(c) comply strictly with the specifications for the configuration and maintenance of his controlled smoking areas as set out in Schedule 2.

Schedule 2

(2) Every controlled smoking area designated as such under section 12(2)(a) to (c) of the Law shall-

(a) be operated exclusively for the sleeping accommodation of the patron occupying it for not more than three months;
(b) have a ceiling and, except for doors and windows, be completely enclosed on all sides by solid floor-to-ceiling walls and be under negative pressure relative to adjacent areas;
(c) have a ventilation system that does not ventilate into any other part of the facility, except any other similarly designated bedroom of the facility;
(d) be clearly marked as a bedroom in which smoking is permitted; and;
(e) be located in an area of the facility which is not a thoroughfare.

16. The Tobacco Regulations, 2009 are repealed.
SCHEDULE 1
FORMS

FORM 1

Application for registration as a dealer in tobacco products

In accordance with the Tobacco Law, 2008 the following information has to be provided by the applicant to the Chief Officer of the Ministry of Health.

1. Name of the Business Enterprise (same as in Trade and Business Licence)

2. Physical Address

   Address

3. Mailing Address

   Address

4. Nature of the Business: □ Wholesale Distributor □ Retailer □ Importer □ Internet □ Mail □ Cigar Bar □ Retailer(Cigar Store)
5. Principal Owner’s Contact details: (same as in Trade and Business Licence)
   (a) Mr/Mrs/Miss ________________________________
   (b) Date of Birth ________________________________
   (c) Nationality ________________________________
   (d) Telephone number(s):
       ________________________________
   (e) Fax: ________________________________
   (f) Email: (business) ________________________________
   (g) Email (personal) ________________________________

6. If the business enterprise engages in Internet and mail sales, state the products and countries of destination of customers.
   ________________________________
   ________________________________
   ________________________________

7. Name and types of tobacco products to be traded
   ________________________________
8. Sources of tobacco products
   Name and address of source
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________

   Overseas (countries of origin)
   ________________________________

9. Trade and Business Licence No. (if applicable)
   ________________________________
   Period of validity From ____________ to ____________

10. I understand the requirements of being a Tobacco Dealer as per the Tobacco Law, 2008 and its regulations and I shall abide by them.

   Applicant’s signature: ___________________________
   Date: _______________________

----------------------------------------------------------------------- OFFICIAL USE ONLY-----------------------------------------------------------------------

   a. Date application received: ___________________________ by ___________________________
   ___________________________

   b. Fee $__________ received ___________________________ by ___________________________
   ___________________________
Receipt # __________________

c. Date fees paid into Treasury ____________________________
   by________________________

d. Disposition of application: ☐ Approved ☐ Not approved
   Reasons if not approved
   _______________________________________________________
   _______________________________________________________

   Date: ___________________ Signature of Chief Officer
   __________________________

e. Registration
   Number_______________________________
   ______

f. Date of registration
   certificate_______________________________

FORM 2
(Regulation 3(2))

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TOBACCO DEALERS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

In accordance with the powers vested in the Chief Officer of the Ministry of Health, under the Tobacco Law, 2008,

__________________________________

of ______________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________

with TBL # ________________________

is hereby registered as a

Tobacco Dealer (Specify the Nature of Business)

With effect from this ____ day of __________ , 20

Until the ____ day of __________ , 20

Registration Number: __________

__________________________________
Chief Officer,
Ministry of Health

Dated this ____ day of ____________ , 20
This certificate is the property of the Government of the Cayman Islands.
By law it is required to be prominently displayed
in the business place.
FORM 3
(Regulation 4(3)
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TOBACCO DEALERS RENEWAL APPLICATION

I, _______________________________ am registered as a Tobacco Dealer as (Specify the Nature of Business) _______________________________ under the Tobacco Law, 2008.

My registration as such expires on the ______ day of __________, 20 ____ and I am hereby applying for renewal of my registration for a further period of one year.

The renewal fee of $ ________ is enclosed herewith.

Any changes in particulars of Registration  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, Form 1 also needs to be completed.

Registration number: _______________

Applicant’s signature: ____________________

Date: _________________

--------------------------------------------------------------------- OFFICIAL USE ONLY-------------------

a. Date application received: __________________________ by

________________________________________

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b. Fee $_________ received ______________________ by
   __________________________
   
   Receipt # ______________

c. Date fees paid into Treasury ______________________
   by____________________________

d. Inspection Report: Date: ______________________
   
   □ Satisfactory □ Unsatisfactory
   
   Remarks:
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   __________________________

e. Disposition of application: □ Approved □ Not approved
   Reasons if not approved
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ______________
   
   Date: ______________________ Signature of Chief Officer
   __________________________

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f. Registration
   Number:__________________________________________________
   ____________

  g. Date of registration certificate ________________________________________
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SCHEDULE 2

(Regulation 15(1))

REQUIRED OUTDOOR VENTILATION AIR

1. Every controlled smoking area shall be equipped with a separate ventilation system that supplies a minimum ventilation rate per person and exhausts to the exterior of the building. (See the Table in this Schedule).

2. The ventilation rate shall be calculated for the maximum permitted occupancy of the controlled smoking area.

3. The ventilation systems shall be designed to have the capacity to supply the minimum outdoor airflow rate determined in accordance with the said Table based on the occupancy of the space and the occupant load.

4. The occupant load utilised for design of the ventilation system shall not be less than the number determined from the estimated maximum occupant load rate indicated in the Table.

5. Ventilation rates for occupancies not represented in the Table shall be determined by an approved engineering analysis.

6. The ventilation system shall be designed to supply the required rate of ventilation air continuously during the period of the occupancy of the building except as otherwise stated in these Regulations.

7. Mechanical exhaust is required and the recirculation of air from any space listed in the Table is prohibited. All air supplied to such spaces shall be exhausted, including any air in excess of that required.

8. The controlled smoking area shall be so configured that the migration of smoke into non-smoking sections of the facility will not occur.

9. The controlled smoking area shall comply with all applicable codes and standards and where these codes and standards conflict with the requirements of
these Regulations, the more stringent shall prevail. The existing fire separations and other life safety systems shall be maintained or upgraded as required based on the new usage of the space.

10. All ceilings shall be sufficiently sealed to prevent egress of smoke into the ceiling plenum.

11. Outdoor air intake openings shall be so located as to prevent the ingress of any hazardous or noxious contaminant into the air stream.

12. The air removed by a mechanical system shall be discharged to a location from which it cannot again be readily drawn in by a ventilating system.

13. The air removed from a cigar bar shall not be exhausted into an attic or crawl space.

14. Exhaust air shall not be directed into walkways and outdoor exhaust openings shall be so located as not to create a nuisance.

15. The inlet to an exhaust system shall be located in the area of heaviest concentration of contaminants.

16. The air required as specified in the Table shall not be recirculated.

17. Air transferred from occupied spaces is not prohibited from serving as makeup air for required exhaust systems in such spaces as elevators, cigar bars and smoking lounges.

18. The amount of transfer air and exhaust air shall be sufficient to provide the flow rates as specified in the Table.
### TABLE

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Made in Cabinet the 1st day of June, 2010.

Kim Bullings

Clerk of the Cabinet.