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Government Decree on smoking areas

In accordance with the Government decision, the following is enacted by the § 76 (3) and § 77 (3) of the Tobacco Act (549/2016)

§ 1

Structure of a smoking area

The structure of a smoking area shall be tight. The distance between the top of the smoking area's door and the ceiling shall be at least 400 mm. Access to the smoking area shall be constructed in such a way that tobacco smoke does not spread outside the area.

§ 2

Smoking area ventilation

There must be a vacuum in the smoking area. The supply air to the smoking area must be led from the surrounding room space through a door or transfer air device.

The exhaust air flow through the smoking area shall be at least 30 cubic metres per second per square metre of floor area, but at least 180 cubic metres per second per square metre of the doorway opening. The transfer air flow device shall be located in such a way that air is effectively evacuated from all parts of the smoking area.

Exhaust air must be ducted through a separate duct above the roof of the building.

§ 3

Smoking area monitoring

The smoking area or exhaust duct shall be fitted with a fixed measuring device from which the exhaust air flow of the area can be checked from outside the smoking area.

The ventilation of the smoking area should be checked regularly, and the findings shall be recorded.

The smoking area of a restaurant shall be constructed in such a way that it can be monitored from outside the area or the monitoring must be arranged in another way.

§ 4

The smoking area's floor area in a restaurant

The smoking area of a restaurant shall be at least 7 square metres.

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§ 5

Entry into force

This Decree enters into force on 15 August 2016.

The § 2 (3) shall not apply to a building which has been approved to be ready for use by 20 May 2018 at the latest. However, in the case of restaurants, § 2 (3) shall not apply to a building constructed before 1 June 2007.

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