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The Saeima has adopted and the President
has proclaimed the following Law:

Amendments to the Law on the Handling of Tobacco Products, Herbal Products for Smoking, Electronic Smoking Devices and Their Liquids

Amend the Law on the Handling of Tobacco Products, Herbal Products for Smoking, Electronic Smoking Devices and Their Liquids (Latvijas Vēstnesis, 2016, Issue 91; 2018, Issue 253; 2019, Issue 78) as follows:

1. Supplement Section 12, Paragraph two with Clause 11 as follows:

"11) control the fulfilment of the requirements laid down in Section 8, Paragraph eight of this Law."

2. Supplement the Law with Sections 14 and 15 as follows:

"Section 14. Administrative Liability in the Field of the Handling of Tobacco Products, Herbal Products for Smoking, Electronic Smoking Devices and Their Liquids

(1) For the violation of smoking restrictions, a warning or a fine of up to twenty units of fine shall be imposed.

(2) For the placement on the market of such tobacco products on the unit packet of which the unique identifiers or safety features have not been placed, a warning or a fine of up to seven hundred and ten units of fine shall be imposed on a legal person.

(3) For the failure to comply with the laws and regulations in respect of the operation of a tobacco product traceability system, a warning or a fine of up to seven hundred and ten units of fine shall be imposed on a legal person.

(4) For the failure to place a visible text at retail outlets warning that the use of tobacco products, herbal products for smoking, and electronic smoking devices seriously damages human health, a fine from ten to seventy units of fine shall be imposed on a legal person.

(5) For the failure to place an information message or symbols regarding smoking prohibition or additional information message "Smoking kills - quit now!" laid down by laws and regulations, a fine from ten to forty units of fine shall be imposed on a natural person, but a fine from forty to seventy units of fine – on a legal person.

(6) For the placement on the market of nasal tobacco, chewing tobacco or tobacco products for oral use, a fine from twenty to forty-two units of fine shall be imposed on a natural person, but a fine from forty to one hundred and forty units of fine – on a legal person.

(7) For selling tobacco products, herbal products for smoking, electronic smoking devices, or their refill containers in unauthorized places, a fine from twenty to forty-two units of fine shall be imposed on a natural person, but a fine from forty to one hundred and forty units of fine – on a legal person.

(8) For the sale and purchase of tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, or their refill containers using a distance contract, a fine from twenty to forty-two units of fine shall be imposed on a natural person, but a fine from forty to one hundred and forty units of fine – on a legal person.

(9) For the sale of tobacco products, herbal products for smoking, electronic smoking devices, or their refill containers to persons under 18 years of age, a fine from fifty-six to seventy units of fine shall be imposed on an employee – a salesperson – of a legal person, but a fine from one hundred and forty to two hundred and eighty units of fine – on a legal person.

(10) For designating rooms (places) for smoking not corresponding to the requirements of the Law, a fine from two hundred to five hundred units of fine shall be imposed on a legal person.

(11) For the placement on the market of such tobacco products, herbal products for smoking, electronic smoking devices, their refill containers or novel tobacco products regarding which information has not been provided to the competent authority, a fine from twenty-eight to one hundred and forty units of fine shall be imposed on a natural person, but a fine from one hundred and forty to one thousand and four hundred units of fine – on a legal person.

(12) For the placement on the market of such tobacco products, herbal products for smoking, electronic smoking devices, their refill containers or novel tobacco products which do not meet the requirements of laws and regulations or technical parameters, a fine from ten to one hundred and forty units of fine shall be imposed on a natural person, but a fine from twenty to two thousand and eight hundred units of fine – on a legal person.

Section 15. Competence in Administrative Offence Proceedings

(1) Administrative offence proceedings for the offences referred to in Section 14, Paragraphs one, five, six, seven, nine, and ten of this Law shall be conducted by the State Police or municipal police.

(2) Administrative offence proceedings for the offences referred to in Section 14, Paragraph eleven of this Law in relation to electronic cigarettes, their refill containers, and novel tobacco products, and the offences referred to in Paragraphs four and twelve of this Law shall be conducted by the Health Inspectorate.

(3) Administrative offence proceedings for the offences referred to in Section 14, Paragraphs two, three, eight, and twelve, and in Paragraph eleven of this Law in relation to tobacco products and herbal products for smoking shall be conducted by the State Revenue Service."

3. Supplement the Transitional Provisions with Paragraph 14 as follows:

"14. Section 12, Paragraph two, Clause 11 and Sections 14 and 15 of this Law shall come into force concurrently with the Law on Administrative Liability. Section 14, Paragraph three of this Law in relation to other tobacco products (except for cigarettes and roll-your-own tobacco) shall be applicable from 20 May 2024."

This Law has been adopted by the Saeima on May 21, 2020.

President *E. Levits*

At Riga, June 3, 2020