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**Regulation number 2019/R-158 (Tobacco Packaging and Labeling Regulations) 2nd
Amendment Regulation**

Regulation No. 2019/R-158 (Regulation on Packaging and Labeling of Tobacco Products) is amended as follows.

1. The following article shall be added after Article 13 of the said Regulations.

Exceptional circumstances

13-1

- (a) In the following types of tobacco, as provided in Articles 5 and 7(a) of this regulation, the sealing of tobacco products and the posting of warning notices are not required by this regulation.
 - (1) Under regulation number 2011/R-41 (Customers General Regulation), tobacco products imported into bonded warehouses specially registered for the storage of goods brought to duty-free shops and into export bonded warehouses specially registered for the export of goods from the Maldives.
 - (2) Tobacco products sold in duty-free shops in the Maldives.
 - (3) Under Act No.79/31 (Export-Import Act of Maldives), duty-exempt Tobacco products for travelers traveling from abroad, to the extent permitted under the Act.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1) of this Article, under that Article, tobacco products imported into bonded warehouses specially registered to keep goods brought to duty-free shops and into export bonded warehouses specially registered to export goods from the Maldives, shall be released for use in the Maldives after being sealed and affixed with a warning notice as provided in Articles 5 and 7(a) of this regulation.

2. After Article 17 of the said Regulations, the following Article shall be added.

Importing tobacco products in Inward clearance obtained ships.

17-1 Notwithstanding anything otherwise provided in another article of this regulation, tobacco products brought into the Maldives on vessels issued inward clearance by the Maldives Customs Service before 31 July 2019 shall be considered as imported tobacco products to the Maldives for the purposes of this regulation.

3. Subsection 18.(g)(1) of the said Regulations is amended as follows.

Definition

18. (g)

(1) If the goods are in the process of being imported into the Maldives, all types of illegal tobacco.

4. Adding section (i) after section (h) of Article 18 of the said regulation.

Definition

18. (i) For the purposes of this Regulation, the stage of import of tobacco products into the Maldives shall be considered as bringing of the tobacco products to a port of the Maldives and unloading the goods at a port of the Maldives in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Maldives Customs Service.

These rules shall come into force on the date of publication in the Government of
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