

**379 DECREE**

**on the enactment of the Law to amend  
certain regulations (tobacco control)**

Pursuant to Art. 93 paragraph (1) of the Constitution  
of the Republic of Moldova,  
the President of the Republic of Moldova decrees:

**PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

**No. 251-X Chisinau, June 20, 2025**

**Sole article** – The Law no. 125 of May 29, 2025  
to amend certain regulations (tobacco control)  
was passed.

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**LAW**

**to amend certain regulations  
(tobacco control)**

**EU**

The Parliament passed this organic law.

This law partially implements:

- Directive 2014/40/EU of the European Parliament and Council of April 3, 2014 on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of member states concerning the manufacturing, display and sale of tobacco products and related products and repealing of Directive 2001/37/EC (Art. 2, items 1, 9, 13, 17, 19, 22, 28, and 31, Art. 3, paragraph (4), Art. 4, paragraph (2), second paragraph, Art. 5, paragraph (6), Art. 6, paragraph (1) and (2), Art. 7, paragraph (7) and paragraph (12), second paragraph, Art. 8, paragraph (4), Art. 9, paragraph (3), fourth paragraph and paragraph (4), Art. 11, paragraph (5), second paragraph, Art. 12, paragraph (2) letter (b), Art. 13, paragraph (1) letter (b) and (c) and paragraph (2), Art. 14, Art. 20, paragraph (2) letters (a)-(g), paragraph (3) letters (e)-(g) and paragraph (4) letter (a)), published in the Official Gazette of the European Union L 127 of April 29, 2014, CELEX: 32014L0040, such as amended last time by the delegated Directive (UE) 2022/2100 of the Commission of June 29, 2022;
- Council Recommendation of December 3, 2024 concerning tobacco and aerosol-free environment that replaces the Council Recommendation 2009/C 296/02, published in the Official Gazette of the European Union C 474 of December 12, 2024, CELEX: 32024H07425.

**Art. I.** – Law no. 278/2007 on tobacco control (republished in the Official gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2015, no. 258-261, Art. 489) with subsequent amendments, shall be amended as follows:

1. The harmonization clause shall be completed as follows:

“This law partially implements:

- Directive 2014/40/EU of the European Parliament and Council of April 3, 2014 on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of member states concerning the manufacturing, display and sale of tobacco products and associated products and repealing of Directive 2001/37/EC, published in the Official Gazette of the European Union L 127 of April 29, 2014, CELEX: 32014L0040, such as amended last time by the delegated Directive (UE) 2022/2100 of the Commission of June 29, 2022;
- Directive 2011/64/EU of the Council of June 21, 2011 on the structure and rates of excise duties for processed tobacco, CELEX: 32011L0064, published in the Official Gazette of the European Union L 176 of June 5, 2011;
- Council Recommendation of November 30, 2009 concerning tobacco and aerosol-free environment that replaces the Council Recommendation 2009/C 296/02, published in the Official Gazette of the European Union C 474 of December 12, 2024, CELEX: 32024H07425.”

2. Article 2:

After the words “tobacco products” in “promotion of tobacco products”, “transboundary advertising, promotion and sponsorship of

tobacco products” and “tobacco products sponsorship,” the following wording will be added, “and related products”.

Delete “and provided” in “the digital library of health warnings”; Under the term “smoking,” replace “that does not burn” with the word “heated,” and after the wording “no matter if the aerosol is inhaled or expired actively” insert the following text “or possession or control of hookahs enabled for use, no matter if tobacco or related products are used in the hookah”;

The terms “tobacco products for smoking” and “tobacco supply” shall read as follows:

“*tobacco products for smoking* – tobacco products, other than tobacco products that don’t burn;”

“*tobacco supply* – tobacco product intended for use in a tobacco heating device;”

The term “tobacco for hookah” shall be completed by the following text: “If a product can be used both for a hookah and for rolling, it is considered tobacco for rolling;”

Under the term “electronic cigarette”, insert the text “including without nicotine” after “refill bottle”;

The article shall be completed in alphabetical order with the following terms:

“*other jurisdictions* – any European Union Member State as well as any country in the world that takes into account and implements the Framework Convention of World Health Organization on tobacco control and guidelines for its implementation;”

“*public government authorities* – the Parliament, the President of the Republic of Moldova, the government, central public administration authorities, local public administration authorities, the courts, Supreme Council of Magistracy, District Attorney’s offices;”

“*smoke-free environment* – 100% tobacco smoke-free environment, environment free of tobacco product aerosol or related product and environment in which tobacco smoke, tobacco product and related product aerosol cannot be seen, smelt, felt or measured;”

“*significant change of circumstances* – increase by at least 10% of sales by categories of tobacco products and related products based on provided sale data or increase of use in the groups of users under 25 years old by at least 5% for the concerned product category, based on prevalence studies validated by the World Health Organization; in any case, it is considered that no significant change of circumstances occurred if the retail sales volume of a product category does not exceed 2.5% of the total sales of tobacco products and related products in accordance with the provisions of Art. 13;”

“*nicotine sachets*” – related product that contain nicotine for oral use consisting of nicotine powder extracted from tobacco or synthetic nicotine as well as other ingredients, portioned in prefilled packages;”

“*heated tobacco product* – new product from tobacco that is heated to produce tobacco product aerosol, containing nicotine and other chemicals, which is then inhaled by the user and, based on its characteristics, is a tobacco product that does not burn or a tobacco product for smoking;”

“*bag* – unit package of tobacco for rolling, either as a rectangular pocket with a flap that covers the opening, either as a bag that is kept vertically;”

“*tobacco* – processed or not processed leaves and other natural parts of tobacco plants, including expanded and reconstituted tobacco”  
After the terms “refill bottle” a new term shall be inserted as follows:

“*nicotine-free refill bottle* – container with liquid that does not contain nicotine and can be used to refill an electronic cigarette without nicotine”

### 3. Article 11:

In paragraph (4), the words “of concerned tobacco products or change in burning intensity” are replaced by “or change in burning intensity, smoldering or heating of concerned products”;

Paragraphs (5) and (7) are repealed.

### 4. In Article 12:

Paragraph (2) is repealed;

In paragraph (3), the word “ISO” is replaced in all cases by “SM ISO”;

Paragraph (4) is completed by the following text “in authorized laboratories that are not owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the tobacco industry”;

Article is completed by paragraph (6) with the following text:

“(6) The Health Ministry proposes to the national standardization body to pass standards on tobacco control that were agreed on by the WHO Framework-Convention parties, concerning the maximum levels of emission for tobacco products other than cigarettes.”

### 5. Article 13:

Paragraph (3):

In the introduction, the following words “of every year” are inserted after “May 31st”;

The paragraph is completed by letters d) and e) with the following text:

“d) the available internal and external studies on market research and preferences of various groups of consumers, including young people and current smokers concerning the ingredients and emissions as well as the summaries of any market research conducted when new tobacco products or related products are launched;

e) the annual sales per brand and type of tobacco products or related products, usage, recharging or heating devices and accessories, expressed in number of units, kilograms or liters, as appropriate.”

The article is completed by paragraphs (3<sup>1</sup>), (6), and (7) with the following text:

“(3<sup>1</sup>) The Customs Service of the Republic of Moldova shall provide to the National Agency for Public Health, by May 31<sup>st</sup> of every year, information for previous year on annual imports per type of tobacco products or related products, usage, recharging or heating devices and accessories, expressed in number of units, kilograms or liters, as appropriate, in accordance with the combined nomenclature of goods, approved by the Law no. 172/2014.”

“(6) In addition to the reporting obligations stipulated in this article, extended reporting obligations apply for specific additives contained in cigarettes and rolled tobacco, included in the priority list approved by the Government. This list includes additives:

a) for which there are initial indications, studies or regulations in other jurisdictions suggesting that they have one of the properties established in paragraph (7);

b) which are among the most common additives in terms of mass and number, according to the reported ingredients, in accordance with the provisions of Art. 13.

(7) The producers and importers of cigarettes and rolled tobacco that contain an additive included on the priority list indicated in paragraph (6) must conduct apprehensive studies that examine for each additive the following:

a) contributes to the toxicity or dependence potential of the targeted products and if this product leads to an increase of the toxicity or potential addiction on the any of targeted products significantly or measurably;

b) determines a characteristic flavor;

c) facilitates nicotine inhalation or absorption;

d) generates substances with carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic properties for reproduction (CMR), in what quantities, and if this leads to the intensification of CMR properties of any of the targeted products significantly or measurably.”

6. The name of Chapter V is completed by “**AND RELATED PRODUCTS**”.

### 7. Article 15:

In paragraph (1), insert “and related products” after the words “tobacco products”;

Paragraph (4) shall read as follows:

“(4) Health warning shall not be printed on excise stamps, do not cover or interrupt in any way price markings, tracking markings or safety elements on the unit packets.”

### 8. Article 16:

Paragraph (3)

At letter a), the text “In case of rolled tobacco, the latter is printed on the side that becomes visible upon opening the packet;” shall be replaced by the following text: “For rolled tobacco marketed in bags, the general warning and informative message are displayed on surfaces that allow the full visibility of the concerned health warnings. For rolled tobacco packaged in cylindrical packets, the general warning is printed on the outside of the lid, while the informative message is printed on the inside of the lid.”

Letter b) shall read as follows:

“b) cover 50% of the surfaces on which they are printed with a minimum width of 20 mm;

In paragraph (4), letter f), the text “two sets of 7 each” is replaced with “three sets of 14 each”.

### 9. The Law is completed by Article 16<sup>1</sup> as follows:

#### Article 16<sup>1</sup>. Labelling of related products

(1) The following health warning is printed on each unit packet and any outside packaging of electronic cigarettes containing nicotine and refill bottles containing nicotine: “This product contains nicotine. Nicotine is highly addictive.”

(2) The following health warning is printed on each unit packet and any outside packaging of electronic cigarettes that do not contain nicotine and nicotine-free refill bottles: “Smoking this product is harmful for your health.”

(3) The following health warning is printed on each unit packet and any outside packaging of smoking plants products: "Smoking this product is harmful for your health."

(4) The health warning must be:

- a) printed with Helvetica bold black characters on white background, the size of the characters covering the maximum surface in the text area;
- b) centered on the allocated area and on unit packets and outside packaging with equal sides, they are displayed parallel with the lateral margin of the unit packet or outside packaging;
- c) framed with a black border, from 3 mm to 4 mm in width which is placed on the outside of the area allocated for advertising;
- d) printed on the two larger areas of the unit packet and any outside packaging;
- e) shall cover at least 30% of the outside area of the concerned area of the unit packet and any outside packaging."

10. In the name of Article 17 and in paragraphs (1) and (2), after the word "cigarettes" insert the following text "heated tobacco products with characteristics of tobacco products for smoking".

11. Article 18:

In paragraph (1), the words "the Ministry of Health creates and maintains a library" are replaced with the words „the National Agency for Public Health maintains the library”;

In paragraph (2), the term "Ministry of Health" shall be replaced with "National Agency for Public Health".

12. Article 19:

In paragraph (1):

Letter a) shall read as follows:

"a) promotes a tobacco product or a related product or encourages its consumption by creating a wrong impression about the characteristics, effects on health, risks or emissions; the labels do not include any information about the nicotine content, tar or carbon monoxide of the tobacco product;"

In letter b), insert the text "or is designed to reduce the effect of some harmful smoke components" after the text "and other similar";

The paragraph is completed with letters e) and f) as follows:

"e) suggests that a specific tobacco product or related product has better biodegradability or other environmental benefits;

f) gives the impression of economic benefits by printed discount coupons, discount offers, free distribution, "two for one sale" offers, or other similar offers."

Throughout the article, including in the name, the words „tobacco product", in any grammatical form, is replaced with the words "tobacco product or related product" with the appropriate grammatical form.

13. The Law is completed by Article 19<sup>1</sup> as follows:

**"Article 19<sup>1</sup>.** Appearance and content of unit packets

(1) Cigarette packs have a rectangular shape. Round and beveled edges are accepted as long as the health warning covers an area equivalent to that on a packet without such edges. Unit packets of rolling tobacco have a rectangular or cylindrical shape or come in a bag. A packet of cigarettes contains at least 20 cigarettes. A unit packet of rolling tobacco contains at least 30 g of tobacco.

(2) A packet of cigarettes may be made of cardboard or

soft material and has an opening that cannot be closed again or resealed after being opened for the first time, other than the flip-top lid and hinged lid of the box with a side lid. If the packets have a flip-top lid and hinged lid, the lid is fastened only on the lower part of the packet."

14. Article 21:

In the name of the article, the wording "Advertising and promotion by sponsorship of" is replaced with "Advertising, promotion and sponsorship"

The article is completed by paragraphs (1<sup>1</sup>) and (1<sup>2</sup>) as follows:

"(1<sup>1</sup>) When producing computer games, including video games and online games, board games for any age category, programs for any age category, including TV movies and video, theater performances and entertainment, radio shows, TV shows and news, it is prohibited to present tobacco products, related products, devices and accessories for use, recharge or heating of these products, as well as instructions for their use, unless such a presentation is part of the artistic intention of the authors and the games, audiovisual programs, performances are intended for adults.

(1<sup>2</sup>) Upon broadcasting audiovisual programs that contain scenes with tobacco products, related products, devices and accessories for use, recharge or heating of these products, as well as scenes with the use of the above-mentioned products, apply the standards established in the Audiovisual Services Code."

In paragraph (9), insert the words "the implementation of price discount offers and" after the words "It is prohibited";

In paragraph (10), insert the following text "the Audiovisual Council in accordance with the Audiovisual Services Code by" after the words "by" and insert the following text "the State Inspectorate for Non-Food Products Supervision and Consumer Protection" after the words "National Agency for Public Health".

15. Article 22:

In paragraph (2), the words "The notification shall be sent" are replaced with "The notification on tobacco products and the notification on smoking plant products shall be sent";

The article will be completed by paragraphs (3)-(5) as follows:

"(3) The notification on electronic cigarettes or refill bottles shall be sent digitally, six months prior to placing the product on the market.

(4) The notification on electronic cigarettes or refill bottles, including those without nicotine, contains the following information:

- a) name and contact information of the manufacturer, physical or legal entity in charge and, if any, the importer;
- b) the list of all ingredients of the product and the emissions generated by its use by brand and type, indicating related quantities;
- c) toxicology data regarding the ingredients and emissions of the product, including in the event that the ingredients are heated, indicating, in particular, their impact on consumers' health following the inhalation and taking into account among other things, any potential addiction;
- d) information on the nicotine dosage and quantity absorbed during use under normal conditions of use or under the circumstances that may be reasonably stipulated;
- e) description of product components, including

if needed, the mechanism of opening and refill the electronic cigarette or refill bottles, including those without nicotine;

f) a description of the manufacturing process, including if this involves serial production and a declaration that the manufacturing process is in compliance with the requirements of this law;

g) a declaration according to which the manufacturer and the importer are fully responsible for the quality and safety of the product when it is marketed and used under normal circumstances or under circumstances that are reasonably stipulated.

(5) The marketing of products prior to the expiration time stipulated in paragraph (2) and paragraph (3) is allowed only in the event that the National Agency for Public Health sent a formal confirmation of the acceptance of the notification sent by the manufacturer or importer in accordance with the provisions of this article."

16. In Article 23:

Paragraph (1):

Letter a) is repealed;

The paragraph shall be completed by letters f)-h) as follows:

"f) except for nicotine, liquids that contain nicotine do not have any ingredients that may present any risks for human health, whether they are heated or not;

g) electronic cigarettes release constant/fixed doses of nicotine under normal use conditions;

h) electronic cigarettes and refill bottles, including those without nicotine, are manufactured to avoid inappropriate action on such products and inappropriate handling by children; moreover, they are protected against breakage or leaking of liquid and are equipped with a mechanism, which provides refilling without fluid leaks."

The article shall be completed by paragraph (1<sup>1</sup>) as follows:

"(1<sup>1</sup>) The technical requirements of the refilling mechanism shall be approved by the Government."

Paragraph (2) shall read as follows:

"(2) The unit packets of electronic cigarettes and refill bottles, including those without nicotine, include a leaflet with:

a) Instructions for use and storage specifying that the use of the product is recommended for young people and non-smokers;

b) contraindications;

c) warnings for specific risk groups;

d) potential adverse effects;

e) potential addiction and toxicity;

f) contact information for manufacturer or importer and for a physical or legal entity;

Paragraphs (3)-(5) are repealed.

17. In Article 24:

Paragraph (1) shall be completed by the following text "as well as of the following related products: nicotine sachets.

The article shall be completed by paragraph (1<sup>4</sup>) as follows:

"(1<sup>4</sup>) It is prohibited to sell tobacco products, related products, devices and accessories for the use, refilling or heating of these products:

a) in fixed itinerant trade units: pavilions, booths, kiosks (tents), stalls (counter, booth, window or other marketing equipment), Vending machine in accordance with international standards, as well as mobile itinerant trade units: commercial trailer, cart, basket/crate (that can be handled by an individual), travelling salesman, seasonal wholesale;

b) without supporting documents, issued by manufacturers or importers, which show the origin and provide tracking of tobacco products, related products, devices and accessories for their use, refilling and heating;

c) in packaging that is different from the original manufacturer packaging or in damaged packaging;

d) in unit packs that contain less than 20 cigarettes, tobacco supply or cigarillos or open unit packets or by the piece;

e) in lipstick-type packs or in packets similar to food or cosmetics or toys packaging;

f) in commercial units located in the buildings of public authorities, in health facilities and educational institutions."

18. Article 25:

In Paragraph (1) letters b, d)-g) are repealed.

Paragraph (6) is completed by the following sentence: "For the purpose of this paragraph, the commercial area of the commercial unit shall be used such as established in the Law no. 231/2010 on domestic trade."

19. Article 26 shall read as follows:

"**Article 26.** Protection against exposure to tobacco smoke and aerosol generated by tobacco products or related products

(1) Smoking is prohibited:

a) in all closed and semi-closed public spaces, in the workplace, regardless of the type of property or access means;

b) in the open public spaces of the central office of healthcare and educational institutions, including on associated land, regardless of the type of property;

c) at less than 10 meters, measured radially:

– from any point on the outer edge of the thresholds (including those at ground level), of stairs, ramps, banisters or porches designed for public access to the buildings of public authorities, social institutions, cultural institutions, athletic institutions, regardless of the type of property as well as in the buildings of entities that provide public services, in accordance with Law no. 234/2021 on public services and entities that provide local administration public services in accordance with the Law on local administration public services no. 1402/2002;

– from the open door to open public spaces or to workplace, from open windows, as well as from the air-collection places or equipment associated with closed public spaces and workplace.

d) on children's playgrounds, athletic fields, amusement parks, zoos, water parks, land surrounding pools, on beaches;

e) on stadiums, arenas, in plazas and other open public spaces during entertainment public events or of other kind;

f) in public transport transit as well as on the surrounding area that is used for boarding/landing the passengers as well as in the underground pedestrian passages;

g) in public transportation means and private transportation means where children are present;

h) in common places designed for and used for passage to housing (stairs, hallways, elevators, as well as in other common spaces that are a part of the apartment building and auxiliary buildings, in the balconies of the apartment building (apartments, dormitories).

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1) letter c) the expression "less than 10 meters, measured radially" means the distance

established in straight line, in any direction, from any point on the outer edge of access elements (threshold, stairs, ramp, banister, porch), of an open door or window, or a place or equipment that collects air and sends it outside, regardless of the presence of obstacles, walls, fences, sidewalks, green spaces or other building elements or urban planning. The prohibited area shall apply consistently as a circular perimeter surrounding each above-mentioned element.

(3) Employees, owners or managers of public spaces, workplace, transportation means, regardless of the type of property and access means, provide a smoke-free environment in accordance with the smoking interdictions stipulated in paragraph (1)."

20. In Article 27, paragraph (2), letter a) shall read as follows:

"a) to display at the entrance of the rooms/spaces/public transportation means, as well as in other locations where smoking is prohibited, in the most visible place, the sign for "no smoking" indicated in the annex – a lit cigarette, an activated device for tobacco heating, an activated electronic cigarette and an activated hookah, all of them crossed by a red line, which may be joined by the warning "Smoking is prohibited. Smoking in these rooms/spaces/means of public transportation is against the law."

21. Article 28:

In paragraph (1), letter c), after the word "financial" insert the word " , material".

The article shall be completed by paragraph (3) as follows:

"(3) The supervisory mechanism that ensures compliance with the interdictions for partnerships with the tobacco industry shall be approved by the Government."

22. Article 29:

In paragraph (2), the text "of voluntary financial contributions" shall be replaced by "of voluntary financial, material contributions";

In paragraph (2), the words "of financial contributions" shall be replaced by "of voluntary financial, material contributions";

In Paragraph (3), after the words "of consumption of tobacco products" insert the following text " , as well as to promote any tobacco products or related products with low risk for health, including as smoking alternatives."

23. Article 30 shall be completed by paragraph (3) as follows:

"(3) The means of prevention and settlement of conflicts of interest during the development and implementation of public policies on tobacco control shall be approved by the Government."

24. In Article 31, the term "Ministry of Health" shall be replaced by the term "National Agency for Public Health".

25. In Article 32, paragraph (3), after the words "of tobacco products" insert the words "and of related products in accordance with the Fiscal Code".

26. Article 34:

In the name of the article, after the words "of consumption of tobacco products" insert the words "and related products";

Paragraph (1):

In letter a), after the words "of consumption of tobacco products" insert the words "and related products";

Letter c) shall read as follows:

"c) monitoring of manufacturing, import and marketing of tobacco, marketing of tobacco products and related products, as well as activities related to them, including requesting data generated by other central and local public administration authorities, according to responsibilities;"

The paragraph is completed by letter e) as follows:

"e) establishment of the terms for substantial change in circumstances with the submission of proposals to the Government in order to implement response measures for the reduction of the prevalence of consumption of tobacco products and related products by some categories of consumers."

27. In Article 37, paragraph (3) shall read as follows:

"(3) Non-compliance with the legislation on the protection against exposure to tobacco smoke and aerosol generated by tobacco products or related products in public spaces, in the workplace, and means of public transportation, such as regulated by Art. 26, paragraph (1) and on marketing, advertising, promoting and sponsoring tobacco products, related products, devices and accessories for their use, refilling and heating, including online advertising by the company, occurring repeatedly or more than a third time within the same calendar year and acknowledged by the specialized bodies in the establishment and review of misdemeanor, shall lead to harsher sanctions in accordance with the provisions of the Misdemeanor Code."

28. The Law is completed by an annex that reads as follows:

"Annex

"No smoking" unique sign



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) to avoid any conflict of interest while practicing his/her profession;"

The article shall be completed by paragraphs (5)-(7) as follows:

"(5) It is prohibited to accept any type of voluntary financial, material or any other contribution from companies in the tobacco industry or any other institutions supported, companies in the tobacco industry or any other institutions supported, including financially,

**Art. II** – Article 17 of the Law no. 264/2005 on practicing the medical profession (Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2005, no. 172-175, Art. 839) with subsequent amendments, shall be amended as follows:

Paragraph (1) is completed by letter a) as follows:

directly or indirectly by the tobacco, alcohol, ultra-processed food and pharmaceutical industries.

(6) Expressing professional, scientific or clinical opinions about the methods, products or therapeutic approaches is allowed provided that it is supported by validated scientific data, complies with the principles of evidence-based medicine, is not influenced by undeclared commercial interests, and is not misleading the public or patients.

(7) It is prohibited to express opinions that promote, directly or indirectly, alcoholic products, ultra-processed food products, pharmaceutical products, as well as opinions stating that tobacco products or related products present a low risk for health and recommending them as smoking alternative in medical practice, including inwritten, audiovisual and on-line media.”

**Art. III** – The Misdemeanor Code of the Republic of Moldova no. 218/2008 (republished in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2017, no. 78-84, Art. 100), with subsequent amendments, shall be amended as follows:

1. In Article 46<sup>1</sup>, paragraph (11), the text “, Art. 364<sup>1</sup>” shall be excluded.

2. Article 91<sup>1</sup>:

In the paragraph (3), after the text “for nasal use” insert the text “of nicotine sachets.”;

In paragraph (10), the sanction shall be completed by “with deprivation of the right to conduct a specific activity for 6 months to one year”;

In paragraph (13), the text “72 to 90” in the sanction shall be replaced by “175 to 200”;

Paragraphs (15) and (16) shall read as follows:

“(15) Allowing smoking in spaces, locations and means of public transportation indicated in Art. 26, paragraph (1) of Law no. 278/2007 on tobacco control

is sanctioned with a fine from 78 to 90 conventional units for individuals in the event that they admit smoking in means of public transportation, with a fine from 210 to 240 conventional units for the person in charge, with a fine from 270 to 300 conventional units for the company, with deprivation of the right to conduct a specific activity for 6 months to 1 year.

(16) Smoking in spaces, locations and means of public transportation indicated in Art. 26, paragraph (1) of Law no. 278/2007 on tobacco control

is sanctioned with a fine from 35 to 40 conventional units for the individual or person performing unpaid community work from 40 to 60 hours.”

Paragraphs (17) and (18) shall be repealed.

Paragraph (21) shall read as follows:

“Implementing discount offers, promotional gifts, marketing at a lower price than the reference price of tobacco products, related products, devices and accessories for their use, refill and heating”;

The article shall be completed by paragraphs (22) and (23) as follows:

“(22) Marketing of tobacco products, related products, devices and accessories for their use, refill and heating in fixed or mobile itinerant trade units stipulated in Law no. 278/2007 on tobacco control,

is sanctioned with a fine from 175 to 200 conventional units for the individual or person performing unpaid community work from 40 to 60 hours, with a fine from 250 to 300 conventional units for the person in charge, with a fine from 350 to 400 conventional units for the company, with deprivation of the right to conduct a specific activity for 6 months to 1 year.

(23) Acceptance by any physician of any type of financial, material or any other voluntary contribution from companies in the tobacco industry or any other institutions supported, including financially, directly or indirectly by the tobacco industry, as well as promoting, including in written, audiovisual or on-line media, of any tobacco products or related products, stating that they present low risk for health and recommending them as smoking alternatives in medical practice

is sanctioned with a fine from 60 to 90 conventional units for individuals, with a fine from 180 to 270 conventional units for the person in charge, with a fine from 210 to 300 conventional units for the company.”

3. In the name of Article 364<sup>1</sup>, the words “advertising and sponsorship” shall be replaced by “advertising, promotion and sponsorship”.

4. Article 400:

In paragraph (1), the text “Art. 91<sup>1</sup>, paragraphs (13)-(18) and (20)” shall be replaced by “Art. 91<sup>1</sup>, paragraphs (13)-(16) and (22)”;

In paragraph (4<sup>1</sup>), the text “Art. 91<sup>1</sup>, paragraphs (16) and (18)” shall be replaced by “Art. 91<sup>1</sup>, paragraphs (15), (16), and (22)”.

5. In Article 406, paragraph (1), the text “Art. 91” shall be replaced by “Art. 91<sup>1</sup>, paragraphs (1)-(12), (20) and (23)”.

6. In Article 408, paragraph (1), after the text “Art. 84”, insert “Art. 91<sup>1</sup>, paragraph (21)”.

**Art. IV** – In Article 25, paragraph (5) of Law no. 320/2012 on the Police activity and police officer status (Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2013, no. 42-47, Art. 145), with subsequent amendments, items 23<sup>1</sup>) and 23<sup>2</sup>) shall read as follows:

“23<sup>1</sup>) to request the compliance with the interdictions stipulated in Art. 24, paragraph (14) letter a), Art. 25, paragraphs (1) and (4), Art. 26 and Art. 27, paragraphs (1) and (2) letter a) of Law no. 278/2007 on tobacco control;

23<sup>2</sup>) to establish and/or review, within the competence of conventional legislation, the misdemeanors committed by non-compliance with the legislation on tobacco control;”.

**Art. V** – The Code of audiovisual media services of the Republic of Moldova no. 174/2018 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2018, no. 462-466, Art. 766), with subsequent amendments, shall be amended as follows:

1. In the content of the law, the text “Law no. 1227/1997” shall be replaced by “Law no. 62/2022”.

2. Article 15 shall be completed by paragraph (12) as follows:

“(12) Upon broadcasting the audiovisual program which contains scenes with tobacco products, related products, devices and accessories for their use, refilling and heating, as well as scenes with consumption of the above-mentioned products, the providers of media services must broadcast at the beginning and end of the audiovisual program as well as upon rerun, after interruption, a warning message that reads as follows: “Smoking and consumption of products containing nicotine are extremely harmful for your health and the health of those around you and creates addiction.”

3. Article 63, paragraph (3), letter a) shall read as follows:

”a) tobacco products, related products, devices and accessories for their use, refilling and heating;”.

4. In Article 65, paragraph (3), the text „of cigarettes and other tobacco-based products, electronic cigarettes” shall be replaced by “tobacco products, related products, devices and accessories for their use, refilling and heating.”

5. In Article 69, paragraph (5), letters a) and b) shall read as follows:

“a) tobacco products, related products, devices and accessories for use, refilling and heating of tobacco products or related products;

b) products and or services provided by individuals and companies having as main activity the manufacturing or sale of tobacco products, related products, devices and accessories for use, refilling and heating of tobacco products or related products;”.

**Art. VI.** - Article VI of Law no. 25/2023 for the amendment of legislative acts (Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2023, no. 92, Art. 136), with subsequent amendments, shall be amended as follows:

In paragraph (1) letter d), after text “Art. I item 6” insert text “and Art. II,”, while the word “will” shall be replaced by “will”;

In paragraph (2), the words “National Agency for Public” shall be replaced by “national authority for management of traceability system, designated by the Government”.

**PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT**  
**No. 125 Chisinau, May 29, 2025**

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**Art. VII** - (1) This law comes into effect upon expiration of the 12-month term of the date of publishing in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, except for:

a) Art. II, which comes into effect upon expiration of the 3-month term of the date of publishing;

b) Art. I item 8 in the part referring to Art. 16, paragraph (3), letter b) and (4), which comes into effect on January 1, 2029.

(2) Tobacco products and related products that are marketed until the date when this law comes into effect can be marketed for 12 months.

(3) The Government:

a) within 30 days of the date when this law comes into effect, shall provide the republishing in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, the Law no. 278/2007 on tobacco control, with the amendments indicated by this law, creating a new numbering of the constituent elements and correcting all references, if any;

b) within 12 months of the date of publishing in this law, shall amend its legislative acts in accordance with this law.