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**amending legislation**

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The Parliament adopts this law in its entirety.

**Art. I.** – Tobacco Control Law No. 278/2007 (republished in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2015, No. 258–261, art. 489), with subsequent amendments, is amended as follows:

1. In Article 2, after the term “tobacco waste,” a new concept is inserted with the following content:

*“devices and accessories for the use, recharging, or heating of tobacco products or related products - a set of inter-connected parts, which perform a specific function in a system that allows them to be brought to the optimum temperature or being recharged with a tobacco product and other compounds or liquid for a related product, for consumption;”*.

2. Article 3:

In paragraph (1), the words “and related products” will be replaced by the following text: “related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

Paragraph (2) will be supplemented with the following text: “, of related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”.

3. In Article 13:

The name of the article will be supplemented with the following text: “, related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

In paragraph (1), after the words “tobacco products,” the following text will be inserted: “, related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

In paragraph (2), in the introduction, after the words “and/or imports tobacco products,” the following text will be inserted: “, related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

In paragraph (3), in the introduction, after the text “and/or tobacco products”, the following text will be inserted: “, related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating.”

4. Article 15:

In paragraph (3), the fourth statement will read as follows: “If tobacco products are packed in bundle packages made of wood, plastic, glass, or metal, the health warnings may be printed on stickers, which will then be affixed to the surface of the bundle packages, provided that they are non-removable.”

In paragraph (5), after the words “of tobacco products,” the following text will be inserted: “of related products, devices. and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

Paragraph (8) is repealed.

5. In Article 19, paragraph (1), in the introduction, the following text: “, except for those sold in duty-free shops and cigarettes made out of cut tobacco, with cut ends or with a mouthpiece,” will be removed.

6. In Article 20, paragraph (1) is supplemented by point c) with the following content:

“c) If intended for placement and sale in duty-free shops, bars, and restaurants, they will be marked, using a method and place determined by the manufacturer, with the text “For duty-free shop sales only.”

7. The title of Chapter VI will read as follows:

**“Chapter VI  
MARKETING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS,  
RELATED PRODUCTS, DEVICES, AND  
ACCESSORIES FOR THEIR USE,  
RECHARGE, OR HEATING”.**

8. In Article 22:

In the name of the article, the words “and related products” will be replaced by the following text: “, related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

In paragraph (1), after the words “and/or related products,” the following text will be inserted: “, of devices and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”.

9. In Article 23 paragraph (1) point b), the words “72 mg” will be replaced by the words “20 mg”.

10. In Article 24, in the name and in paragraph (2), the words “and of related products” will be replaced by the following text: “, of related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”.

11. In Article 25:

The title of the article will read as follows:

**“Article 25.** Prevention of minors’ access to tobacco products, related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

Paragraph 1:

In the introduction, the words “and of related products” will be replaced by the following text: “, of related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

On point c), the following text: “, except for smokeless tobacco products other tobacco for oral use, chewing tobacco, and snuff” will be removed;

On point d), the words “and of related products” will be replaced by the following text: “, of related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

Paragraph 3 will read as follows:

“(3) Businesses engaged in the retail of tobacco products, related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating will be required to display in a conspicuous place information regarding the prohibition to sell tobacco products, related products, devices, and of accessories for their use, recharging, or heating to persons under the age of 18, and information regarding the amount of the fine imposed for non-compliance with this prohibition.”

In paragraph (4), the words “and related products” will be replaced by the following text: “, related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

In paragraph (5), after the words “of related products,” the following text will be inserted, in both instances: “of devices and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

In paragraph (6), the words “and related products” will be replaced by the following text: “, related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”.

12. In Article 37 paragraph 2), after the words “Tobacco products,” the following text will be inserted: “, related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”, and after the words “of tobacco products” –

“, of related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating” will be inserted.

**Article II** - Article 91<sup>1</sup> of the Contravention 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, will be amended as follows:

The name of the article will be supplemented with the following text: “, of related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

In paragraph (1), the text “and of related products” will be replaced by the following text: “, of related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

In paragraph (4), after the words “of tobacco products,” the following words will be inserted: “and of related products”;

In paragraph (5), the words “and of related products” will be replaced by the following text: “, of related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

In paragraph (6), the words “and of related products” will be replaced, in both instances, by the following text: “, of related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”, and the words “or a related product” - will be replaced by the following text: “, a related product, a device, or an accessory for their use, recharging, or heating”;

In paragraphs (10) and (12), the words “and of related products” will be replaced by the following text: “of related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

In paragraph (13), after the words “tobacco products,” the following text will be inserted, in both instances: “related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”;

In paragraph (20), after the words “tobacco products,” the following text will be inserted: “of related products, devices, and accessories for their use, recharging, or heating”.

**Article III** - (1) This law shall enter into force 6 months from the date of publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova.

(2) Within one month from the date of publication of this law, the Government shall ensure its regulations are in compliance with this law.

**PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT      Igor GROSU**

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