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REGULATIONFrom the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry:**REGULATION AMENDING THE REGULATION ON THE PROCEDURES
AND PRINCIPLES RELATED TO THE PRODUCTION METHODS,
LABELING AND SURVEILLANCE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

ARTICLE 1 – The phrase “The information on quitting space and border line of the combined health warnings on cigarette unit packages, rectangular prism or similar shaped packages and pouch packages with a height of less than 20 millimeters on the side surfaces, which contain smoking tobacco products other than cigarettes, may be partially covered with a banderol, provided that the text containing information on quitting is not covered and is visible; health warnings in other packages” is added, following the phrase “printed;” included in the third paragraph of Article 12 of the Regulation Amending the Regulation on the Procedures and Principles Related to the Production Methods, Labeling and Surveillance of Tobacco Products issued in the Official Gazette no. 30701 on January 3, 2019, and the phrase “and vertical pouch package” is added following the phrase “Cylinder” included in the fifth paragraph of the same article.

ARTICLE 2 – Subparagraph (c) of the first paragraph of Article 14 of the same Regulation has been amended as follows:

“c) It covers 100% of the largest back surface of the cigarette unit package and at least 85% of the largest front surface of the cigarette unit package and each largest front and back surface of all unit and group packaging of tobacco products other than cigarettes.”

ARTICLE 3 – The title of Article 17 of the same Regulation has been amended as “Special rules related to the combined health warnings on tobacco products for personal use”; the third paragraph of the same article has been amended as follows and the following paragraphs have been added to the article:

“(3) The photograph, warning text and information on quitting that comprise the combined health warning on hard packages with a flip top shall be applied so that it is not divided within itself when each package is opened.”

“(4) In cases where the combined health warning space is partially covered with a banderole, the combined health warning is applied as follows:

a) The information on quitting shall be placed on top, the photograph shall be placed in the middle, and the warning text shall be placed at the bottom on the back surface of hard unit packages with a flip top, and on the front and back surfaces of soft packages, hard unit packages opened from the top, and vertical pouch packages.

b) The information on quitting shall cover a space not exceeding 20 millimeters in height excluding border lines on the back surface of hard unit packages with a flip top and front and back surfaces of hard unit packages opened from the top and soft unit packages. The information on quitting on vertical pouch packages covers 10% of the combined health warning text surface space on the inside of the black border line.

c) The photograph shall cover 60% and the warning text shall cover 40% of the combined health warning surface space remaining from the information on quitting on the back surface on the inside of the black border line of hard unit packages with a flip top, the front and back surfaces of hard unit packs opened from the top and soft unit packages. The photograph shall cover 50% and the warning text shall cover 40% of the combined health warning surface space on the inside of the black border line on vertical pouch packages.

ç) When an overlapping format is used, the information on quitting covers a space not exceeding 22 millimeters in height excluding the border lines on the front and back surfaces of straight and foldable pouch packages; the photograph shall cover 60% and the warning text shall cover 40% of the combined health warning space remaining from the information on quitting on the inside of the black border.

d) The text containing information on quitting may be placed leaning on the right on the back surface of vertical pouch packages which contain tobacco products other than cigarettes, straight and foldable pouch packages where an overlapping format is used and rectangular prism or similar shaped packages.

(5) When a side-by-side format is used on straight and foldable pouch packages, the height of the combined health warning should be equal to the height of the unit package.”

ARTICLE 4 – The fourth and seventh paragraphs of Article 18 of the same Regulation have been amended as follows:

“(4) The amount information is typed in a distinctive font on a single line on the bottom surface of unit packages and the back surface of the unit package and group packaging of tobacco products for personal use. The amount information is written as “20 cigarettes” on cigarette packages, “...cigars/cigarillos” on cigar and cigarillo packages and “...g” on all other tobacco products.”

“(7) “ The warning “Selling of this product to minors under the age of 18 is punishable with a prison sentence” shall be applied centered vertically or horizontally on the top surface of cigarette unit packs made of hard cardboard material, on one of the side surfaces of soft packages, on the short side surface on group packaging, and on the back surface of the unit and group packaging of tobacco products for personal use other than cigarettes, in a way that is visible on the back surface of unit and group packaging, in the space under or next to the combined health warning depending on how the combined health warning has been applied, in white Helvetica font in a uniform font size. This warning is applied centered vertically and horizontally within its space in group packaging for tobacco products.”

ARTICLE 5 – The phrase “with banderole” in the first paragraph of Article 19 of the same Regulation has been repealed.

ARTICLE 6 – The fourth paragraph of provisional article 2 of the same Regulation has been amended as follows:

“(4) Of the tobacco products with unit packages with a combined health warning violation except for the information on quitting space and partial closure of the border line provided that the text of the information on quitting is visible, and which have an import license and/or supply to market qualification license; the production, import, updating of the supply to market qualification license, and the supply to market shall be terminated within 6 months after the effective date of this paragraph. A supply to market qualification license, for which an application to update according to this Regulation that has not been submitted during this period, shall be considered cancelled.”

ARTICLE 7 – This Regulation goes into force as of the date it is issued.

ARTICLE 8 – The provisions of this Regulation are executed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

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