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General Directorate of Customs**

No.: 18723479-153.16

Subject: Entry and Transit of Electronic  
Cigarettes and Similar Goods  
Carried by Passengers

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**RE:** Our letter No. 43989855 dated MAY 03, 2019

The "Decision Concerning Electronic Cigarettes and Similar Devices and Certain Tobacco Products and Products That Are Used to Imitate Tobacco Products" became legally effective with the President's Decision No. 2149 published in the Official Gazette on FEB 25, 2020 under number 31050. Pursuant to this decision, the import of tobacco products that are consumed heated or lit, other than cigarettes, shredded tobacco products for hand-rolled cigarettes, tobacco products for use in pipes, tobacco products for use in hookahs, cigars, and cigarillos, and all products that are used to imitate tobacco products, regardless of their nicotine content, including electronic cigarettes and electronic hookahs as well as electronic devices, apparatus, spare parts, and solutions used in the consumption of these products shall be banned. Our Ministry is authorized to regulate the entry and transit of any item that is banned as per the first paragraph and carried by the passengers.

Accordingly, it is not possible to apply any exemption under the Council of Ministers Decision No. 2009/15481 to tobacco products that are consumed heated or lit, other than cigarettes, shredded tobacco products for hand-rolled cigarettes, tobacco products for use in pipes, tobacco products for use in hookahs, cigars, and cigarillos, and all products that are used to imitate tobacco products regardless of their nicotine content including electronic cigarettes and electronic hookahs as well as electronic devices, apparatus, spare parts, and solutions used in the consumption of these products.

At the same time, the entry of below-listed items covered by this Decision and carried by passengers over the age of 18 shall be allowed:

- One electronic device that a passenger is currently using.
- Tobacco products that are consumed heated or lit, other than cigarettes, shredded tobacco products for hand-rolled cigarettes, tobacco products for use in pipes, tobacco products for use in hookahs, cigars, and cigarillos, and all products that are used to imitate tobacco products regardless of their nicotine content including electronic cigarettes and electronic hookah; provided that such entry is restricted to 200 heated tobacco products in total or cartridges or solutions up to 30 ml, or 10 disposable electronic cigarettes in total.

- The items brought by the passengers and exceeding the above-mentioned quantities shall be taken to the warehouse for the accompanied luggage of the passengers to be delivered to them when leaving the country. Any item that is not claimed by its owner in due time shall be destroyed by the customs administration.

In addition, the process described above shall also apply to transit passengers entering our country by land or sea. However, there is no restriction for passengers who will transit our country by air, as the passenger luggage will not be entering the Customs Territory of Turkey.

The referenced letter has been repealed.

Submitted for your information to take necessary action.

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