

LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

ON INTRODUCING AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE ACTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN AIMED AT THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO THE CIRCULATION OF CERTAIN TYPES OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND DEVICES FOR CONSUMING TOBACCO AND NICOTINE

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Systematic efforts are being carried out in our country to promote a healthy lifestyle among the population, especially among children and youth, including measures to limit the distribution and consumption of tobacco products.

At the same time, in recent years there has been an increase in cases of illegal importation into the country and circulation of new types of tobacco and nicotine products, in particular electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes and liquids for them, which in turn is leading to a rise in the consumption of these products among the population, especially among children and youth.

In this regard, there arises a need to prohibit the circulation of tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes and liquids for them, within the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and to establish liability for their illegal circulation, as well as for the illegal circulation of tobacco heating systems.

This Law introduces amendments to the Criminal Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Administrative Responsibility providing for the establishment of liability for the production, manufacture, acquisition, storage, transportation, or sale of prohibited tobacco products and electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes and liquids for them, as well as for their import and export. Any person who has committed these acts shall be exempt from liability if he or she voluntarily reports the offense to the authorities and surrenders the prohibited products.

Liability is also being established for the illegal circulation and production of tobacco heating systems.

In addition, the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan On Restricting the Distribution and Consumption of Alcohol and Tobacco Products establishes a ban on the circulation of electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes and liquids for them.

This Law serves to protect the life and health of the population, preserve the nation's gene pool, and safeguard the environment from new types of tobacco and nicotine products.

Article 1. In the Criminal Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, approved by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 2012-XII dated September 22, 1994 (Bulletin of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 1995, No. 1, Article 3; Bulletin of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 1996, No. 9, Article 144; 1997, No. 2, Article 56; No. 9, Article 241; 1998, No. 5-6, Article 102; No. 9, Article 181; 1999, No. 1, Article 20; No. 5, Article 124; No. 9, Article 229; 2000, No. 5-6, Article 153; 2001, No. 1-2, Article 23; No. 9-10, Article 165; 2002, No. 9, Article 165; 2003, No. 1, Article 8; No. 9-10, Article 149; 2004, No. 1-2, Article 18; No. 9, Article 171; Bulletin of the Chambers of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2005, No. 9, Article 314; No. 12, Articles 417 and 418; 2006, No. 6, Article 261; No. 12, Article 656; 2007, No. 4, Articles 158 and 166; No. 6, Article 248; No. 9, Articles 416 and 422; No. 12, Article 607; 2008, No. 4, Articles 187, 188, and 189; No. 7, Article 352; No. 9, Articles 485, 487, and 488; No. 12, Articles 640 and 641; 2009, No. 1, Article 1; No. 4, Article 128; No. 9, Articles 329, 334, 335, and 337; No. 12, Article 470; 2010, No. 5, Articles 176 and 179; No. 9, Article 341; No. 12, Articles 471 and 477; 2011, No. 1, Article 1; 2012, No. 4, Article 108; No. 9/1, Article 242; No. 12, Article 336; 2013, No. 4, Article 98; No. 10, Article 263; 2014, No. 1, Article 2; No. 5, Article 130; No. 9, Article 244; No. 12, Article 343;

2015, No. 6, Article 228; No. 8, Articles 310 and 312; No. 12, Article 452; 2016, No. 4, Article 125; No. 9, Article 276; No. 12, Articles 383 and 385; 2017, No. 3, Article 47; No. 6, Article 300; No. 9, Articles 506 and 510; 2018, No. 1, Article 4; No. 4, Articles 218 and 224; No. 7, Article 430; No. 10, Article 679; 2019, No. 1, Articles 3, 5; No. 3, Article 161; No. 5, Articles 259, 267, and 268; No. 7, Article 386; No. 8, Article 471; No. 9, Article 592; No. 11, Article 787; No. 12, Article 880; 2020, No. 1, Article 4; No. 3, Article 204; No. 7, Article 449; No. 10, Article 593; No. 11, Article 651; No. 12, Article 691; 2021, No. 1, Articles 5 and 14; No. 2, Articles 142 and 144; No. 3, Article 217, Appendix to No. 4; No. 8, Articles 800 and 803; No. 10, Articles 966, 968, and 973; No. 12, Article 1193; 2022, No. 2, Article 81; No. 3, Articles 215 and 216; No. 4, Article 337; No. 5, Articles 464 and 466; No. 6, Article 575; No. 10, Article 981; 2023, No. 3, Articles 184, 185, 187, and 188; No. 4, Article 265; No. 5, Article 319; No. 10, Article 798; No. 11, Article 921; 2024, No. 1, Article 8; No. 2, Article 111; No. 3, Article 245; No. 8, Article 818; No. 9, Articles 954 and 964; No. 10, Articles 1070, 1071, 1073, 1077, 1079, and 1083; No. 11, Article 1186; No. 12, Articles 1280 and 1287) **Article 186¹** shall be stated as follows:

“Article 186¹. Illegal circulation or production of ethyl alcohol, alcohol and tobacco products, as well as tobacco and nicotine consumption devices.

Instances of ethyl alcohol, alcohol and tobacco products, as well as tobacco heating systems, being circulated illegally in large quantities or after administrative penalties have already been applied for such acts:

shall be punishable by a fine ranging from two hundred to four hundred times the base calculation amount, or by correctional labor for up to three years, or by restriction of liberty for two to five years, or by imprisonment for up to five years.

Illegal production of ethyl alcohol, alcohol and tobacco products, as well as tobacco heating systems:

shall be punishable by a fine ranging from two hundred to four hundred times the base calculation amount, or by correctional labor for up to three years, or by restriction of liberty for three to five years, or by imprisonment for up to five years.

Instances of the preparation, acquisition, storage, transportation, or transfer of tobacco products prohibited in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, or the import into or export from the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as the production of electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes, in large quantities or after administrative penalties have already been applied for such acts:

shall be punishable by a fine ranging from three hundred to five hundred times the base calculation amount, or by correctional labor for two to three years, or by restriction of liberty for three to five years, or by imprisonment for three to five years.

If the actions provided for in the first, second, and third parts of this Article are committed:

- a) in large quantities;
- b) by a group of persons acting in collusion;
- c) repeatedly or by a dangerous recidivist;
- d) or through abuse of official position;

this shall be punishable by a fine ranging from four hundred to six hundred times the base calculation amount, or by imprisonment for five to seven years.

If the actions provided for in the first, second, and third parts of this Article are committed:

- a) in large quantities;
- b) by an organized group or for the benefit of such a group,

this shall be punishable by imprisonment for seven to twelve years.

Facilitating the commission of the acts envisaged in the first, second, and third parts of this Article through abuse of authority or official powers:

shall be punishable by imprisonment for seven to twelve years.

If a person who has committed the acts envisaged in the third part of this Article voluntarily reports their guilt to the authorities and surrenders tobacco products prohibited in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes, they shall be exempt from liability.”

Article 2. In the Criminal Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, adopted by Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 2015-XII, dated September 22, 1994 (Bulletin of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 1995, No. 3, Article 6; Bulletin of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 1995, No. 9, Article 193; No. 12, Article 269; 1996, No. 5-6, Article 69; No. 9, Article 144; 1997, No. 2, Article 56; No. 4-5, Article 126; No. 9, Article 241; 1998, No. 3, Article 38; No. 5-6, Article 102; No. 9, Article 181; 1999, No. 1, Article 20; No. 5, Article 124; No. 9, Article 229; 2000, No. 5-6, Article 153; No. 7-8, Article 217; 2001, No. 1-2, Article 23; No. 9-10, Articles 165 and 182; 2002, No. 1, Article 20; No. 9, Article 165; 2003, No. 1, Article 8; No. 5, Article 67; No. 9-10, Article 149; 2004, No. 1-2, Article 18; No. 5, Article 90; No. 9, Article 171; 2005, No. 1, Article 18; Bulletin of the Chambers of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2005, No. 9, Article 312; No. 12, Articles 413, 417, and 418; 2006, No. 6, Article 261; No. 9, Article 498; No. 10, Article 536; No. 12, Articles 656 and 659; 2007, No. 4, Articles 158, 159, 164, and 165; No. 9, Articles 416 and 421; No. 12, Articles 596, 604, and 607; 2008, No. 4, Articles 181, 189, and 192; No. 9, Articles 486 and 488; No. 12, Articles 640 and 641; 2009, No. 1, Article 1; No. 9, Articles 334, 335, and 337; No. 10, Article 380; No. 12, Articles 462, 468, 470, 472, and 474; 2010, No. 5, Articles 175 and 179; No. 6, Article 231; No. 9, Articles 335, 339, and 341; No. 10, Article 380; No. 12, Articles 468, 473, and 474; 2011, No. 1, Article 1; No. 4, Articles 104 and 105; No. 9, Articles 247 and 252; No. 12/2, Article 365; 2012, No. 4, Article 108; No. 9/1, Article 242; No. 12, Article 336; 2013, No. 4, Article 98; No. 10, Article 263; 2014, No. 1, Article 2; No. 5, Article 130; No. 9, Article 244; No. 12, Articles 341 and 343; 2015, No. 6, Article 228; No. 8, Articles 310 and 312; No. 12, Article 452; 2016, No. 1, Article 2; No. 4, Article 125; No. 9, Article 276; No. 12, Articles 383 and 385; 2017, No. 4, Article 137; No. 6, Article 300; No. 9, Article 510; No. 10, Article 605; 2018, No. 1, Articles 1, 4, and 5; No. 4, Article 224; No. 7, Articles 430, 431, and 432; No. 10, Articles 671, 673, and 679; 2019, No. 1, Articles 1, 3, and 5; No. 2, Article 47; No. 3, Articles 161, 165, and 166; No. 5, Articles 259, 261, 267, and 268; No. 7, Article 386; No. 8, Articles 469 and 471; No. 9, Articles 591 and 592; No. 10, Articles 674 and 676; No. 11, Articles 787 and 791; No. 12, Articles 880 and 891; 2020, No. 1, Article 4; No. 3, Articles 203 and 204; No. 7, Article 449; No. 9, Articles 539 and 540; No. 10, Articles 593 and 596; No. 11, Article 651; No. 12, Article 691; 2021, No. 1, Articles 5, 7, 12, 13, and 14; No. 2, Article 142; No. 3, Article 217; No. 4, Articles 290 and 293, Appendix to No. 4; No. 8, Articles 800, 802, and 803; No. 9, Article 903; No. 10, Articles 966, 967, 968, and 973; No. 11, Article 1066; 2022, No. 1, Articles 1 and 2; No. 2, Articles 80 and 81; No. 3, Articles 215 and 216; No. 4, Article 337; No. 5, Articles 464, 465, 466, and 467; No. 8, Article 787; No. 10, Articles 981 and 984; No. 12, Article 1188; 2023, No. 3, Articles 184, 185, 188, and 189; No. 4, Articles 265, 266, and 268; No. 5, Articles 319 and 320; No. 7, Articles 533, 534, 535, 537, and 539; No. 8, Article 634; No. 10, Article 798; No. 11, Articles 921, 923, and 924; No. 12, Article 1004; 2024, No. 1, Articles 5, 7, 8, and 9; No. 2, Articles 102, 111, 115, and 116; No. 3, Articles 243 and 245; No. 6, Articles 530 and 532; No. 7, Article 629; No. 8, Articles 826, 829, and 831; No. 9, Articles 954, 964, and 965; No. 10, Articles 1070, 1071, 1073, 1077, 1078, 1083, and 1084; No. 11, Articles 1187, 1188, and 1189; No. 12, Articles 1279, 1280, 1282, 1286, and 1287), [Article 186¹](#) shall be stated as follows:

“Article 186¹. Illegal circulation of ethyl alcohol, alcohol and tobacco products, as well as tobacco and nicotine consumption devices.

The illegal circulation of ethyl alcohol, alcohol and tobacco products, as well as tobacco heating systems:

shall be punishable by the confiscation of the offending items and a fine ranging from fifty to one hundred times the base calculation amount.

Preparation, acquisition, storage, transportation, or transfer of tobacco products prohibited in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, or their import into or export from the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as the production of electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes:

shall be punishable by the confiscation of the offending items and a fine ranging from one hundred to two hundred times the base calculation amount.

Acquisition or storage of tobacco products prohibited in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, or electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes, with a value not exceeding one times the base calculation amount:

shall be punishable by the confiscation of the offending items and a fine equal to one times the base calculation amount.

Repeated commission of the administrative offense envisaged in the third part of this Article within one year after an administrative penalty has been applied:

shall be punishable by the confiscation of the offending items and a fine ranging from two to five times the base calculation amount.

If a person who has committed the acts envisaged in the second part of this Article voluntarily reports their guilt to the authorities and surrenders tobacco products prohibited in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes, they shall be exempt from administrative liability.”

Article 3. The [Law](#) of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. LRU-844 dated May 24, 2023 On Restricting the Distribution and Consumption of Alcohol and Tobacco Products (Bulletin of the Chambers of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2023, No. 5, Article 322) shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

1) [Article 1](#) shall be supplemented with a fourth part as follows:

“The requirements set forth in the third part of this Article shall not apply to tobacco products prohibited from circulation, electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes, in accordance with Article 37 of this Law”;

2) In Article 3:

the third and fourth paragraphs shall be stated as follows:

“wholesale trade of alcohol and tobacco products, as well as tobacco and nicotine consumption devices — the supplying of alcohol and tobacco products, as well as tobacco and nicotine consumption devices (excluding products and devices whose circulation is prohibited under the first and second parts of Article 37 of this Law) for subsequent sale;

retail trade of alcohol and tobacco products, as well as tobacco and nicotine consumption devices — the sale of alcohol and tobacco products, as well as tobacco and nicotine consumption devices (excluding products and devices whose circulation is prohibited under the first and second parts of Article 37 of this Law) to a consumer without the right to use them for commercial purposes”;

the eleventh paragraph shall be stated as follows:

“electronic nicotine delivery systems — reusable devices that, using electric current (battery), heat nicotine-containing or nicotine-free liquids (in cartridges, reservoirs, or other containers) to produce an aerosol (vapor, smoke) inhaled by the consumer, including any item or component prepared for use with such a device, whether sold separately or together (excluding medical instruments and medical devices)”;

3) In [Article 34](#):

the fifth part of Article 34 shall be repealed;

the sixth part of Article 34 shall be renumbered as the fifth part;

4) The text of Article 37 shall be stated as follows:

“The circulation of tobacco products containing nicotine and other substances harmful to human life and health in quantities exceeding the maximum permissible levels, as well as tobacco products for which sanitary-epidemiological requirements have not been established, shall be prohibited.

Production, manufacture, acquisition, storage, transportation, and transfer, as well as import into the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan or export from the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, shall be prohibited for the following:

smokeless tobacco products, including smokeless products containing nicotine;

smokable products containing nicotine or its derivatives, including nicotine salts, solutions, nicotine liquids, or gels containing nicotine, but not containing tobacco leaves and (or) other parts of the tobacco plant (including nicotine liquids for electronic nicotine delivery systems and nicotine liquids for electronic cigarettes);

products that do not contain tobacco or nicotine but are intended for use with electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes (including nicotine-free liquids for electronic nicotine delivery systems and nicotine-free liquids for electronic cigarettes);

electronic nicotine delivery systems, including electronic cigarettes.

The prohibition established in the second part of this Article shall not apply to the production, manufacture, acquisition, storage, transportation, or transfer of nasvai within the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as its export from the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The production, importation, sale, and distribution of goods designed to resemble tobacco products shall be prohibited.

Wholesale and retail trade of tobacco products, as well as tobacco and nicotine consumption devices (excluding products and devices whose circulation is prohibited under the first and second parts of this Article), may be carried out by legal entities and individual entrepreneurs in accordance with the legislation.

Activities related to the wholesale trade of tobacco products shall be carried out by sending a notification on the commencement of such activities to the authorized state body.

Activities related to the retail trade of tobacco products shall be carried out by sending a notification on the commencement of such activities to the tax authorities.

Retail trade of tobacco products, as well as tobacco and nicotine consumption devices, may only be carried out at stationary retail outlets equipped with warehouses and facilities that comply with the relevant sanitary standards and regulations for the storage and sale of tobacco products and tobacco and nicotine consumption devices.

When conducting retail trade, spreading out or openly displaying tobacco products and tobacco and nicotine consumption devices is prohibited.

Information about tobacco products and tobacco and nicotine consumption devices offered for retail sale shall be provided by the seller to consumers in the sales area through a list of tobacco products and tobacco and nicotine consumption devices for sale. The text of the list shall be written in black letters of uniform size on a white background and arranged in alphabetical order, indicating the prices of the tobacco products and tobacco and nicotine consumption devices for sale, without using any graphic images or illustrations.

At stationary retail outlets, tobacco products and tobacco and nicotine consumption devices may be shown to a consumer only upon their request, and only after the consumer has reviewed the list of tobacco products and tobacco and nicotine consumption devices for sale.

Activities related to the retail trade of tobacco products and tobacco and nicotine consumption devices conducted online shall be carried out using fiscal memory cash registers and/or virtual cash systems, as well as payment terminals for accepting payments via plastic bank cards.

The seller of tobacco products and tobacco and nicotine consumption devices, including imported products and devices, must have for each product: accounting and registration numbers, information on the conformity certificate approved by the manufacturer’s or supplier’s signature, the validity period of the certificate, and the issuing authority, recorded in the relevant shipping and transport documents.”

Article 4. The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and other interested organizations shall ensure the implementation of this Law, its communication to the responsible executors, and the explanation of its essence and significance to the population.

Article 5. The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan:
shall align government resolutions with this Law;
shall ensure that the executive authorities of the Republic review and repeal any of their own normative-legal acts that contradict this Law.

Article 6. This Law shall enter into force three months after the date of its official publication.

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