# Regulations for the Testing of Yields of Nicotine and Tar Contained in Tobacco Products and the Labeling of Tobacco Product Containers

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- 3. Amended on August 20, 2013.
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- 5. Amended on March 22, 2023.
- 6. Amended on 13 November, 2023.

#### **Chapter 1** General Provisions

Article 1 The Regulations are enacted in accordance with Paragraph 3 of Article 9 and Paragraph 3 of Article 10 of the Tobacco Hazards Prevention Act.

#### **Chapter 2** Labeling of Health Warnings

- Article 2 Textural and graphical warnings regarding the fact that smoking is harmful to health, and information about smoking cessation (hereinafter referred to as "Health Warnings") shall be labeled on cigarette containers, as shown in the attached graphs.
- Article 3 Health Warnings shall be labeled on the largest surface area near the opening of the cigarette container.

When containers are labelled with Health Warnings of the same set, they shall take different designs within the set.

- Article 4 For a container not rectangular in shape, or when the largest surface is difficult to identify, the Health Warnings shall be labeled on two clear places on the surface of the container. The labeled area shall not be lower than 30% of the total surface area of this container, and Health Warnings shall not be labeled on the bottom of this container.
- Article 5 Health Warnings shall be directly printed on cigarette containers in one of the attached aspect ratios, and shall still be clearly identifiable when the containers are opened. For containers of tobacco products other than paper

cigarettes, labels printed with Health Warnings in one of the attached aspect ratios shall be firmly attached.

#### **Chapter 3** Maximum Yields of Nicotine and Tar and the Testing

Article 6 The maximum yield of nicotine contained in paper cigarettes is 1 milligram per paper cigarette stick; the maximum yield of tar is 10 milligrams per paper cigarette stick.

The maximum yields of nicotine and tar in tobacco products other than paper cigarettes shall be announced by the central competent authority.

Article 7 The method for testing the yields of nicotine and tar contained in tobacco products shall conform to national standards, or other methods commonly used domestically or internationally if no national standards are available.

The central competent authority shall follow the preceding paragraph when sample testing the yields of nicotine and tar contained in tobacco products; and may delegate this task to professional authorities, institutions, legal persons, or organizations.

### **Chapter 4** Labeling of Yields of Nicotine and Tar Contained in Tobacco Products

Article 8 The yields of nicotine and tar contained in tobacco products shall be truthfully labeled according to the factory testing results. However, tobacco products where yields of nicotine and tar contained therein are unable to be tested in accordance with the preceding Article shall be labeled with "This tobacco product contains nicotine and tar which is harmful to health" or "This tobacco product contains nicotine which is harmful to health" depending on the contents.

The yields prescribed in the preceding paragraph shall be labeled in milligrams. The yields of nicotine shall be shown to one decimal place; the yields of tar shall be shown in integral numbers.

The last digits of the labeling prescribed in the preceding paragraph shall be rounded up or down according to its next decimal place. However, the yields of nicotine or tar shall be labeled according to the tested values when the tested value of nicotine is less than 0.05 milligrams, or when the tested value of tar is less than 0.5 milligrams.

Article 9 The labeling in the preceding Article shall be printed in fine black font on the surface of containers with a white background and Chinese wording in 6 or above point font, or the length and width of the font not less than 2.28 millimeters. Containers of tobacco products other than paper cigarettes shall be firmly attached with an accordingly printed label.

#### **Chapter 5** Labeling of Assigned Tobacco Products

Article 10 Imported tobacco products shall comply with the labeling requirements stipulated in the Regulations before entering (or storing into) taxed areas or duty-free shops or duty-free shops on offshore island.

#### **Chapter 6** Supplemental Provisions

- Article 11 Operators of tobacco products may implement and use these Regulations prior to the implementation date of Article 4, the last paragraph of Paragraph 1 of Article 8, and the attached graphs to Article 2 as amended and promulgated on March 22, 2023.
- Article 12 The Regulations shall be enforced on March 22, 2023, except Article 4, the last paragraph of Paragraph 1 of Article 8, and the attached graphs to Article 2, which shall be enforced on March 22, 2024.

## Attached Graphs

Set 1 (Aspect ratio: 0.87)



1-1 (Smoking Cessation Hotline: 0800636363) (Smoking causes oral cancer)

1-2
(Smoking Cessation
Hotline:0800636363)
(Smoking causes gangrene
and amputation)

1-3 (Smoking Cessation Hotline:0800636363) (Smoking causes emphysema and lung cancer)

1-4 (Smoking Cessation Hotline:0800636363) (Smoking causes laryngeal cancer)

1-5 (Smoking Cessation Hotline:0800636363) (Smoking causes eye lesions and blindness)

1-6
(Smoking Cessation
Hotline:0800636363)
(Smoking causes
periodontitis and halitosis)

1-7 (Smoking Cessation Hotline:0800636363) (Smoking causes sexual dysfunction) 1-8
(Smoking Cessation
Hotline:0800636363)
(Second-hand smoking
poisons the whole family)

### Set 2 (Aspect ratio: 1)



Set 3 (Aspect ratio: 1.04)



Set 4 (Aspect ratio: 1.28)



Set 5 (Aspect ratio: 1.42)



## Set 6 (Aspect ratio: 2.

