

Pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 17 of the Restriction of the Use of Tobacco Products Act (OJ RS, No. 17/06 – official consolidated wording and 60/07) the Minister of Health hereby issues the

Rules on the conditions which must be fulfilled by smoking rooms

Article 1

These rules define the detailed conditions that must be fulfilled by smoking rooms in addition to the conditions described in Article 17 of the Restriction of the Use of Tobacco Products Act (OJ RS, No. 17/06 – official consolidated wording and 60/07).

Article 2

A smoking room must be a fully enclosed space with regard to all the walls and ceiling, with an automatically closing door, which is normally in the closed position. The closed windows and door shall be deemed to be part of the wall.

Above or next to the smoking room door there must be a clearly visible sign saying “smoking room” and stating the number of people the smoking room can hold simultaneously.

Article 3

A smoking room must be equipped with a ventilation system which must be a constituent part of the smoking room and physically separate from any other ventilation systems within the enclosed public or working premises in which the smoking room is located. The air polluted with tobacco smoke from the smoking room may not pass into other enclosed spaces of the enclosed public or working premises.

The ventilation system in a smoking room must be automatic and ensure that no tobacco smoke escapes into the spaces referred to in the previous paragraph, even after the last person has left the smoking room.

Article 4

The ventilation system in a smoking room must, with regard to the enclosed space from which there is an entrance into the smoking room, ensure that there is a negative pressure of at least 5 Pa when the smoking room door is closed.

Smoking rooms must be equipped with a device which measures and displays the level of negative pressure.

Article 5

The ventilation system in a smoking room must at least include an air intake and outlet, while ensuring the release of the polluted air into the atmosphere in line with the standard SIST EN 13779.

Unofficial Translation

The fresh air for the smoking room may be taken from the outside of the building or from premises with a low level of air pollution in line with the standard referred to in the previous paragraph.

Notwithstanding the provision in the previous paragraph, the circulating air from the smoking room can be used for the intake of fresh air, provided it is suitably filtered.

Notwithstanding the provision in the first paragraph of this Article, the polluted air can be released into enclosed public or working premises, provided it is suitably filtered.

It shall be deemed that the circulating air and the tobacco polluted air are suitably filtered if the ventilation system contains a gas filter and a floating particle filter in line with the SIST EN 1822 standard, which filter at least 99.9% of the substances specific to tobacco smoke throughout the time the smoking room is in use.

The intake of air into a smoking room must be at a level of at least 35 l/s per person with a ventilation efficiency of 1.0, while taking into account an occupation of the surface of the smoking room floor of 0.7 m²/person.

If the air polluted with tobacco smoke is removed via the ventilation system through other premises, this has to be done with negative pressure.

The first test of the correct functioning of a ventilation system in a smoking room shall be carried out in line with the SIST EN 12599 standard.

Article 6

The owner, leaseholder or manager of the enclosed public or working premises in which a smoking room is located must ensure that the smoking room, together with the ventilation system, is maintained in line with the manufacturer's instructions and that it complies with the provisions of these Rules throughout its use.

Article 7

The owner, leaseholder or manager of the enclosed public or working premises shall prove compliance of a smoking room with the conditions stated in these Rules by means of the technical documentation for that smoking room and the ventilation system, which must include information about when individual maintenance procedures have to be carried out.

The technical documentation for a smoking room and ventilation system must contain data on the concentrations of nicotine, carbon monoxide, cadmium and alveolar dust when the smoking room is used to its full capacity which may appear in the enclosed public or working premises where the smoking room is located or in neighbouring enclosed public or working premises.

The values of substances from the previous paragraph of this Article may not surpass the values specified in the regulations pertaining to health and safety at work.

Article 8

Unofficial Translation

The cleaning of a smoking room may be carried out only when there is nobody smoking in the smoking room.

Article 9

These Rules shall enter into force on the day after they are published in the Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia.

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