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1. FIELD OF APPLICATION

This standard shall apply to tobacco products produced, imported and sold in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan and shall define the requirements for packaging and marking these products.

This standard shall be considered to be used in production, wholesale and retail selling, storing and certification of tobacco products.

The requirements of this standard shall be compulsory according to Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On Tobacco and Tobacco Products”, “On Protection of Consumers’ Rights”, and “On Standardization.”

2. REGULATORY REFERENCES

The following regulatory documents have been referred to in this standard:

GOST 745-79 Aluminum foil for packaging. Specifications

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GOST 391.6.1-96 Plywood for general-purpose with outer layers of hardwood veneer. Specifications

GOST 3916.2-96 Plywood for general-purpose with outer layers of softwood veneer. Specifications

GOST 6290-74 Paper for packaging with double layer for packaging cigarettes. Specifications

GOST 7438-73 Paper smoking. Specifications

GOST 7625-86 Paper label. Specifications

GOST 7933-89 Cardboard for consumer packaging. General specifications

GOST 8273-75 Paper parcel. Specifications

GOST 10131-93 Boxes of wood and wood-based materials for products of food industry, agriculture and matches. Specifications

GOST 10354-82 Polyethylene film. Specifications

GOST 13511-91 Corrugated cardboard boxes for food, products, matches, tobacco and detergents. Specifications

GOST 1.4192-96 Shipping Labels

GOST 185.10-87 Writing paper. Specifications.

GOST 30570-98 Cigarettes. Determination of nicotine in smoke condensate. Gas chromatography method

GOST 30571-98 Cigarettes. Determination of the wet and dry nicotine of dry condensate (gum) in cigarette smoke using a laboratory smoking machine

3. DEFINITIONS

This standard shall have the following terms and definitions:

tobacco products: product considered for smoking (smoking product), chewing, sniffing or sucking (non-smoking product) packaged in consumer container, wholly or partially made of tobacco and / or makhorka by adding or not adding sauces and flavours;

type of tobacco product: range of all tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, sucked tobacco, etc.) similar for their brands, consumption features and method of use;

marks of tobacco products: name of the certain type of product differing from other ones due to their features;

smoking product: tobacco product considered for smoking and packaged in consumer container;

cigarette: type of tobacco with filter / filtering pipe or without filter, consisting of the ground tobacco (smoking part) rolled in cigarette paper.

cigar: a more or less cylindrical roll of tobacco cured for smoking, of any of various lengths, thicknesses, degrees of straightness, etc., usually wrapped in whole, fermented or ground tobacco leaves and usually consists of lower and upper layers. Cigar may be added sauce and flavour and attached a pipe;

cigarillos: a small cigar differing with its small sizes and produced with the lower bundle and having a filtering pipe;

sucked tobacco (snus): non-smoking tobacco product made of a moist powder tobacco product and considered for sucking and added salt or flavour;

sniffed tobacco: non-smoking tobacco product made of a moist powder tobacco product, considered for sniffing and added sauce and flavour;

manufacturer: an organization with any ownership forms, also individual entrepreneur producing tobacco products to sell to consumers;

consumer: a physical person intending to order or purchase tobacco products or ordering, purchasing or using tobacco products only for personal need without the idea of getting benefit;

trademark: graphical mark (or combination of marks) allowing to differ the tobacco products with the same mark produced by any legal or physical persons from the products produced by other legal or physical persons as well as other marks which could be registered as trademarks according to legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

licensee: a holder of the trademark;

nicotine: a substance existing in tobacco leaves and smoke, and belonging to the alkaloid group;

tobacco tar: waterless, nicotine free condensate of smoke;

tobacco smoke: products generated in the course of burning the tobacco products and emitted into the atmosphere as a result of their smoking;

carbon monoxide: component existing in the gas phase as a result of incomplete burning of tobacco and other organic components of tobacco products;

individual consumer container: minimum packaging unit consisting of the tobacco products sold to consumers;

group of consumer containers: packaging consisting of the tobacco products sold to consumers, made of several consumer containers and without using transport container;

consumer container: individual consumer container and / or group of consumer containers;

transport container: made of individual or group of consumer containers and considered for transportation of tobacco products;

type of the consumer container of the tobacco products: packaging with various constructions made of different materials (package, box, case, block, etc.);

package: individual consumer container made of cardboard, package or label paper, and consisting of a certain amount of tobacco product;

block: group of consumer containers consisting of a certain number of packages rolled in polymer film or wrapped up with plastic film;

case: group of consumer containers made of cardboard or label paper, and consisting of a certain amount of tobacco product;

box: consumer container type made of cardboard, tin, plastic or other materials:

label for tobacco products: primary material (pattern) with artistic design used for preparation of individual and group of consumer containers;

cutting tape: a tape helping to open the plastic cover of consumer container;

marking the consumer container: information for the consumer provided on the sheet placed directly on the consumer container or inside the container according to the requirements of regulatory documents.

4. PACKAGING

4.1. Packaging in consumer container

4.1.1. Tobacco products shall be packaged in the individual consumer container, and individual consumer container shall be packaged in the group of consumer containers.

4.1.2. Container for packaging tobacco products shall be clean, unbroken and comply with the requirements of applicable regulatory document.

4.1.3. The following packaging materials shall be used for packaging tobacco products:

GOST 7933 labels made of cardboard;

GOST 7625 labels made of label paper;

GOST 6290 labels made of double package paper;

labels made of single package paper according to regulatory or technical documents;

GOST 3916.1 and GOST 3916.2 boxes made of plywood;

GOST 745 aluminum foil;

GOST 18510 writing paper;

GOST 7438 cigarette paper;

GOST 10354 polyethylene film;

polymer film according to regulatory or technical documents;

GOST 8273 wrapping paper;

cutting tape according to regulatory or technical documents.

It is allowed to use other packaging materials permitted by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan as well as material purchased abroad.

4.2. packaging in transport container

4.2.1. All products in consumer container shall be packed in the transport container - boxes made of GOST 13511 corrugated cardboard, GOST 10131 plywood boxes or other containers according to the regulatory or technical documents.

4.2.2. Container shall be clean, dry, firm and provide the protection of tobacco products in the course of transportation and storage.

5. MARKING

5. Making the consumer container

5.1.1. The following information shall be provided on the individual consumer container:

5.1.1.1. Name of the tobacco products, e.g. "cigarettes." It is permitted to state the name with other information on tobacco information, e.g. "20 filter cigarettes."

5.1.1.2. Mark or trademark (if any) of the product - it is approved or accepted by the manufacturer in manner established in the country where the manufacturer or licensor of this mark or trademark is located.

5.1.1.3. Should one organization (company, firm) control over the production process in the enterprises producing tobacco products, the used raw material and materials, and quality of the product, it is permitted to write the following information instead of the name and address of the manufacturer or licensor and to state the name of this organization (company, firm):

“It is produced under the control of _____”.
(name and legal address of the organization including the country)

5.1.1.5. Also, name and legal address of the organization in Azerbaijan granted authority by the manufacturer for receiving the claims of consumers shall be stated on each individual consumer container of tobacco products which are considered for selling in the Republic of Azerbaijan. It is prohibited to state the information inside the package at a suitable place to be read by the consumer.

5.1.1.6. Existence of pipe (filter) for the smoked products.

5.1.1.7. “With menthol” writing for the products produced with menthol.

5.1.1.8. Amount (pcs.) of the products.

5.1.1.9. Warning sign “Smoking harms your health” on the harm of smoking occupying “30% of each major side” of the individual consumer container of smoking tobacco products.

5.1.1.10. Writing occupying 10% of one side of individual consumer container and informing about the amount of tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide (in 1 cigarette, in milligram) in condensate of the smoking tobacco products.

The amount of tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide shall not exceed the parameters stated in Annex A.

5.1.1.11. Writing on prohibition of selling tobacco products to the persons under the age of 18 years.

5.1.1.12. Information on certification of tobacco products.

5.1.1.13. The sign of regulatory document on the product produced in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

5.1.2. The following information shall be given on the group of consumer containers:

name and legal address of the manufacturer or licensor, or information on Clause 5.1.1.4;

name and mark of the tobacco product;

amount of the individual consumer container units in package and amount of products in each container;

warning sign “Smoking harms your health” on the harm of smoking occupying 30% of each major side of the group of consumer containers of tobacco products;

Sign of the regulatory document for the product produced in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

If the transparent packaging material on the group of consumer containers (block) does not prevent reading clearly the writing on the individual consumer container units (package), it is not required to mark the block.

5.1.3. *Placement of information*

5.1.3.1. Information shall be directly placed in the consumer container unit (package, box, case).

5.1.3.2. Warning sign on harm of smoking shall be placed in the lower part of the individual consumer container and near the lower edge of the container as far as possible.

The distance between the warning sign and the lower edge or folded part of the package shall be 1 mm. This permitted distance shall not be included in the allocated 30% place.

5.1.3.3. The text of warning sign on harm of smoking shall be printed against a white background within 1 mm black colour framework with Helvetica black font.

The size of the font shall be maximum by taking into account the placement for the warning sign within the framework, and the writing shall be clear and readable.

5.1.4. *The method of displaying the information*

5.1.4.1. Information on the consumer container shall be in the national language of the Republic of Azerbaijan except for tobacco products considered for exportation. Information may be repeated in foreign languages.

5.1.4.2. Information shall be clear and readable and may be engraved with any methods.

5.1.4.3. The means for engraving the information shall ensure the maintenance of information in the course of storage, transportation of tobacco products and selling them to consumer.

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The means permitted by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan to contact tobacco products shall be used.

5.1.4.4. Information shall be readable and exact not to swindle the consumer and to make a mistake on the manufacturer of the tobacco products, type, mark of the tobacco products and other information characterizing directly or indirectly the tobacco products, and not consider the information on tobacco as the one which is similar to it in terms of name and appearance.

5.1.4.5. The marking of the smoking tobacco products shall not create the impression on less harm of the products compared with others, i.e. there shall not be the terms such as “less amount of tar”, “light”, “very light” or “mild”, etc. in the marks.

5.2. *Marking transport container*

5.2.1. The following information shall be graved on the boxes of tobacco products:

name and legal address of the manufacturer or licensor or information on Clause 5.1.1.4;

name of the type of tobacco products and its mark;

amount of consumer container units in the box and amount of information in consumer container;

month and year of manufacturing tobacco products;

5.2.2. GOST 14192 “to be protected from wet” and “to be protected from heat” manipulation signs may be graved.

5.2.3. Additional information characterizing the product may be stated on the box.

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ANNEX A

(compulsory)

**AMOUNT OF TAR, NICOTINE AND CARBON MONOXIDE IN CONDENSATE OF
CIGARETTE SMOKE**

Item	The permitted level (in each tobacco product, mg)	Test method
Tar	10.0	GOST 30571
Nicotine	1.0	GOST 30570
Carbon monoxide	10.0	the approved method

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