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#### Decree № 237

#### FROM 17<sup>th</sup> October, year 2013

**for implementing the Regulation for the requirements on the labelling, marking and layout of tobacco products and for determining standards for completing an evaluation on the relevant content of harmful ingredients in the cigarettes, accepted by Decree № 184 of the Council of Ministers from year 2004.** (published in the Official state gazette, issue: 69 from year 2004; amended and supplemented, issue: 2 from year 2005)

#### THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECREES:

§ 1. The name of the regulation shall be amended as so:

„Regulation for the requirements on the labelling, marking and layout of tobacco products and for determining standards for completing an evaluation on the relevant content of tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide in tobacco products.”

§ 2. In clause: 1, point: 1 the words: „the requirements on the labelling, marking and outer layout” shall be changed to „the requirements on the labelling, marking and layout”.

§ 3. The name of Section II shall be amended as so:

„Requirements on the labelling, marking and layout of tobacco products”.

§ 4. In clause: 4 the following amendments shall be made:

1. In article: 1, first sentence, the words: „content of tar” are replaced by „tar content in a cigarette”, and in the second sentence, the words: “The accuracy of the indications of the tar content” are replaced by “The accuracy of indicating the tar content”.

2. In article: 2, the word „tars” is replaced by „tar”.

§ 5. In clause: 9, article: 1, the word: „tars” is replaced by „tar”.

§ 6. In clause: 10, the words: „The Commission for Trade and Consumer Protection” are replaced by „The Commission for Consumer Protection”.

§ 7. The annex towards clause: 5, article: 2 shall be amended as so:

„Appendix towards clause: 5, article: 2

#### List of additional warning inscriptions:

1. Smoking causes 9 out of every 10 cases of lung cancer.
2. Smoking causes mouth and throat cancer.
3. Smoking damages your lungs.
4. Smoking causes heart attacks.
5. Smoking causes strokes and leads to disabilities.
6. Smoking leads to blocked arteries.
7. Smoking increases the risk of blindness.

## Unofficial Translation

8. Smoking damages your teeth and gums.
9. Smoking can kill your unborn child.
10. Cigarette smoke harms your children, family and friends.
11. Children of smokers are more likely to also become smokers.
12. Give up smoking - stay alive for your relatives (telephone: 0700 10 323 or on the website: [www.aznepusha.bg](http://www.aznepusha.bg)).
13. Smoking reduces your chances of having children.
14. Smoking increases the risk of impotence."

**Additional provision**

§ 8. The decree introduces the provisions of the Directorate 2012/9/EU of the Commission from 7th March 2012 for amending Appendix I towards Directorate 2001/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council for the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the state members regarding the manufacturing, presentation and sale of tobacco products (text relevant to the EEA) (OJ, B 69/15 from 8th March 2012).

**Transitional and final provisions**

§ 9. Tobacco products that are labelled according to the requirements of the regulation up until the time of the decree coming into effect, can be sold whilst stocks last but by no later than 28th March 2016.

§ 10. The warehouse supplies of tobacco products, designed for commercial outlets and licensed for free trade, which are labelled according to the requirements of the regulation up until the time of the decree coming into effect, can be sold whilst stocks last but by no later than 28th March 2016.

§ 11. The decree comes into effect from the day of its publication in the Official State Gazette".

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