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Decree of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health on the fire safety of cigarettes

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In accordance with the decision of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health the following is enacted in virtue of section 5 (2) of the Act on Measures to Reduce Tobacco Smoking of 13 August 1976 (693/1976), as it reads in amended Act 984/2008:

Section 1

The burning qualities of cigarettes must be tested and demonstrated in accordance with the US standard ASTM E2187–04 (Standard test method for measuring the ignition strength of cigarettes) or the Australian standard AS 4830–2007 (Determination of the extinction propensity of cigarettes).

Section 2

A cigarette complies with the fire safety requirements for self-extinguishment if, in a test in accordance with a standard referred to in section 1, at most 25 per cent of the batch of a cigarette brand tested in one go burns to the end along the entire length of the cigarette when the test substrate consists of ten layers of filter paper in compliance with the standard.

Section 3

This Decree enters into force on 1 April 2010. Measures necessary for the implementation of this Decree may be undertaken before the Decree's entry into force.

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