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The unofficial consolidated text of the Ordinance on health warnings for tobacco products includes:

- Rules on health warnings for tobacco products (Official Gazette RS, No. 23/17 of 5 May 2017),
- Rules amending the Rules on health warnings for tobacco products (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 53/17 of 25 September 2017).

## **RULES on health warnings for tobacco products**

### **(Unofficial consolidated text No. 1)**

#### **Article 1**

#### **(Content)**

(1) This Regulation lays down rules concerning the precise location of general warnings and information messages on sacks in which roll-your-own tobacco is marketed, in accordance with Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1735 of 24 September 2015 on the exact location of the general warnings and information messages on bags in which roll-your-own tobacco is marketed (OJ L No. 252 of 29.9.2015, p. 49, hereinafter: Implementing Decision 2015/1735 / EU) and the Implementing Decisions of the Commission (EU) 2015/1842 of 9 October 2015 concerning the technical specifications for the distribution, design and form of composite health warnings for tobacco products for smoking (OJ L No 267 of 14.10.2015, p. 5, hereinafter referred to as "Implementing Decision 2015/1842 / EU), the list of text warnings set out in Annex I to Directive 2014/40 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products, Directive 2001/37 / EC (OJ L No. 127 of 29 April 2014, p. 1) and a library of images used for composite health warnings on each package and outer packaging of tobacco smoking products in accordance with the Commission Directive 2014/109 / EU of 10 October 2014 amending Annex II to Directive 2014/40 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council by establishing a library of imaging warnings for tobacco products (OJ L 360 of 17.12.2014, p. 22).

(2) This Regulation also specifies the telephone number of the smoking advisory service (hereinafter: the advisory service) and the content and mode of operation of the advisory service.

## **Article 2**

### **(Place of general warning and information message on rectangular bags in which roll-your-own tobacco is marketed)**

The location and distribution of the general warning and information message on the rectangular bags in which the roll-your-own tobacco is placed must be in accordance with the first paragraph of Article 2 and the Annex to Implementing Decision 2015/1735 / EU.

## **Article 3**

### **(place of general warning and informative message on self-contained pouches in which roll-your-own tobacco is marketed)**

The location of the general warning and information message on the self-contained pouches in which the roll-your-own tobacco is placed must be in accordance with Article 3 of Implementing Decision 2015/1735 / EU.

## **Article 4**

### **(Distribution and form of composite health warnings for tobacco smoking products)**

The distribution and form of composite health warnings for tobacco products for smoking must comply with Article 2 and Annex of Implementing Decision 2015/1842 / EU.

## **Article 5**

### **(Design of composite health warnings for tobacco smoking products)**

The design of composite health warnings for tobacco smoking products must be in accordance with Article 3 of Implementing Decision 2015/1842 / EU.

## **Article 6**

### **(Specific rules for certain tobacco, smoking tobacco products with a cap)**

The specific rules for the composite health warnings applicable to certain packets of tobacco smoking products with a cap are laid down in Article 4 of Implementing Decision 2015/1842 / EU.

## **Article 7**

### **(List of text warnings)**

The list of text warnings is in Annex 1, which is an integral part of these Rules.

## **Article 8**

### **(Picture book)**

(1) The picture library for composite health warnings is contained in Annex 2, which is an integral part of these Rules.

(2) Individual assemblies from the picture book must be used on the packaging of tobacco products for one year and are exchanged annually.

**Article 9  
(Health alerts on cigars)**

(1) In the case of cigars that are sold individually to the consumer, general warnings, informative messages and compound health warnings are printed on the front and back surfaces of the printed outer packaging in which a particular cigar is delivered to the consumer.

(2) In the case of the type of outer packaging referred to in the preceding paragraph, which does not have side surfaces, the composite health warnings cover 65 percent of the front and back surface of the packaging, and general warnings and information messages, 50 percent of the remaining part of the packaging.

**Article 9a  
(Phone Number)**

The telephone number of the advisory service is 080 2777.

**Article 9b  
(Phone number manager)**

The counselling service is organized and managed by a telephone number administrator who pursues the activity of advising against smoking.

**Article 9c  
(Activity of the advisory service)**

The Advisory Service provides assistance and advice to persons who:

- seek professional information regarding smoking abandonment;
- they want to start or are in the process of quitting smoking;
- need support during maintenance abstinence.

**Article 9.č  
(Obligations of consultants)**

Providers of consultancy services referred to in the preceding Article shall provide:

1. operating hours of receiving calls and active advice at least on weekdays between 17:00 and 20:00;
2. An automatic answering machine which communicates the operating time of the telephone number outside the operating time;
3. Self-help materials sent by post to the caller's request;
4. Report of the telephone number manager on the implemented consultations once a year (By 1 March of the previous year);
5. Trained consultants;
6. A uniform approach to counselling.

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[Annex 1: List of text warnings](#)

[Annex 2: Image library for composite health warnings](#)

**The Ordinance on health warnings for tobacco products (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 23/17) contains the following transitional and final provision:**

»TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 10  
(entry into service)

(1) Pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 1 of Implementing Decision 2015/1735 / EU, the following rules for roll-your-own tobacco in rectangular bags made of polyethylene, polypropylene or multi-layer material with tabs, around and around their wrap openings:

- an information message can be spread over an area that becomes visible when the package is partially open;
- the general warning can be placed on the lower surface, which becomes visible when the package is fully open;
- the interior of the tab, which becomes visible when the package is completely open, is not pushed or used in any other way;
- the general warning and the information message are located on the upper edge of the surfaces on which they are printed.

(2) Pursuant to Article 4 of Implementing Decision 2015/1735 / EU, twisted tobacco in sachets manufactured or put into free circulation by 20 May 2018 and marked with a general warning and an information message in accordance with the preceding paragraph may be placed on the market by 20 May 2019.

Article 11  
(entry into force)

These Rules shall enter into force on the day following their publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia. "

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**The Rules amending the Ordinance on health warnings for tobacco products (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 53/17) contain the following transitional and final provisions:**

»TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 3  
(identification of the telephone number manager)

Within 60 days of the entry into force of these Rules, the minister responsible for health shall determine the telephone number manager referred to in Article 9b of the Rules.

Article 4  
(cessation of use)

On the day this Act enters into force, the Rules on the functioning of the advisory telephone for smoking cessation (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 80/07 and 9/17 - ZOUTPI) will cease to apply.

Article 5  
(entry into force)

These Rules shall enter into force on the fifteenth day after their publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia. "

**ANNEX 1**

**LIST OF TEXTUAL WARNINGS**

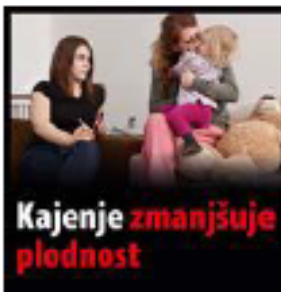
1. Smoking causes 9 out of 10 cases of lung cancer
2. Smoking causes cancer of the mouth and throat
3. Smoking hurts your lungs
4. Smoking causes heart attacks
5. Smoking causes strokes and disabilities
6. Smoking clogs your arteries
7. Smoking increases the risk of blindness
8. Smoking is harmful to your teeth and gums
9. Smoking can kill your unborn child
10. Your tobacco smoke affects your children, family and friends
11. Children of smokers often start to smoke themselves
12. Give up smoking - stay alive for your loved ones
13. Smoking reduces fertility
14. Smoking increases the risk of impotence

ANNEX 2  
IMAGE LIBRARY (FOR COMPOSED HEALTH WARNINGS)

Part 1



Part 2



Part 3

