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On the Introduction of Changes to Some Legislative Acts of Ukraine on the Restriction of the Consumption and Sale of Beer and Low Alcoholic Beverages

1. In the Law of Ukraine “On State Regulation of the Production and Turnover of Ethyl, Cognac and Fruit Alcohol, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Products” in Part three of Article 11:

   to set forth paragraphs eight and nine as follows:

   “information on the tar and nicotine content in the smoke of one cigarette (for cigarettes), which is applied to the outer surface of one smaller side of the package of tobacco products and which occupies at least 15 percent of the area of that side;

   health warnings that are applied in accordance with the requirements specified in this part of the article”;

   after paragraph fourteen to add a new paragraph as follows:

   “health warnings that are applied in accordance with the requirements specified in this part of the article”.

   In this regard, to consider paragraphs fifteen - twenty three respectively as paragraphs sixteen - twenty four;

   after paragraph twenty two to add three new paragraphs as follows:

   The main health warning for consumers of tobacco products “Smoking kills” shall be indicated on one larger outer side of the package (box, pack). On the other larger outer side of the package (box, pack) of tobacco products an additional warning shall be indicated in the form of one of ten text labels as follows:

   “Smoking causes lung cancer,” “Smoking causes dependence on tobacco (nicotine addiction) – do not start smoking!”, “Smokers die prematurely,” “Smoking causes aging of the skin,” “Smoking reduces the ability of women to bear children,” “Quitting smoking significantly reduces the risk of dangerous heart diseases and lung diseases,” “Smoking destroys arteries, causes heart attacks and stroke,” “Smoking can cause a slow and painful death,” “Smoking during pregnancy harms your child,” “Smoking damages sperm and may lead to impotence” and color illustration(s) and or icon(s). Each option of the text labels of additional health warnings shall be applied by the manufacturer of tobacco products to the tobacco product package (box, pack) in a rotating order.

   The aforementioned illustration(s) and/or icon(s) are approved by resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine upon submission of the Central Executive Health Care Agency and are subject to review (re-approval) by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in the same procedure once every five years. The illustration(s) and/or icon(s) shall be applied by the manufacturer of the tobacco products to the tobacco product package (box, pack) no later than within 18 months from the date the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on their approval (re-approval) comes into force.

   Main and additional health warnings for consumers of tobacco products should be placed in the designated place on the package (box, pack) by the tobacco product manufacturer or importer.
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within a black frame with a width of not less than three millimeters. The area within the frame, including the area of the frame itself, should occupy at least 50 percent of the area of the outer surface of the large outer side of the package (box, pack) of tobacco products. The texts of the main and additional health warnings for consumers of tobacco products that are marked on each package (box, pack) of tobacco products should be clearly printed in bold black font on a white background with lowercase letters except for the first letter of the warning, and placed so as to ensure the integrity of the text when the tobacco product is opened in the manner indicated on its packaging and should not overlap other printed information or excise stamps.”

In this connection, paragraphs twenty three and twenty four are to be considered respectively as paragraphs twenty six and twenty seven;


1) in paragraph three of part two of article 10 the words “that are included in the composition of tobacco products and are released with tobacco smoke during their smoking” should be replaced with the words “in the smoke of one cigarette (for cigarettes)”;  

2) article 12 shall read as follows:

"Article 12. Health warnings for consumers of tobacco products and an information label on the content of tar and nicotine in the smoke of one cigarette (for cigarettes)

Listed on each tobacco product package should be the main health warning for consumers of tobacco products and the additional health warning, accompanied by the appropriate color illustration(s) and/or icon(s), and there should also be an informational label on the content of nicotine and tar in the smoke of one cigarette (for cigarettes).

The main health warning for consumers of tobacco products "Smoking kills" shall be placed on one of the larger outer sides of the package.

On the other larger outer side of the package of tobacco products an additional warning shall be indicated in the form of one of ten text labels as follows: "Smoking causes lung cancer,” "Smoking causes dependence on tobacco(nicotine addiction) - do not start smoking!”, "Smokers die prematurely,” "Smoking causes aging of the skin,” "Smoking reduces the ability of women to bear children,”"Quitting smoking significantly reduces the risk of dangerous heart diseases and lung diseases,” “Smoking destroys arteries, causes heart attacks and stroke,” "Smoking can cause a slow and painful death,” “Smoking during pregnancy harms your child,” “Smoking damages sperm and may lead to impotence” and color illustration(s) and or icon(s). Each option of the text labels of additional health warnings shall be applied by the manufacturer of tobacco products to the tobacco product package (box, pack) in a rotating order.

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submission of the Central Executive Health Care Agency and are subject to review (re-approval) by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in the same procedure once every five years.

The illustration(s) and/or icon(s) shall be applied by the manufacturer of the tobacco products to the tobacco product package no later than within 18 months from the date the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on their approval (re-approval) comes into force.

Main and additional health warnings for consumers of tobacco products should be placed in the designated place on the package by the tobacco product manufacturer or importer within a black frame with a width of not less than three millimeters. The area within the frame, including the area of the frame itself, should occupy at least 50 percent of the area of the outer surface of the large outer side of the package of tobacco products.

The texts of the main and additional health warnings for consumers of tobacco products that are marked on each package of tobacco products should be clearly printed in bold black font on a white background with lowercase letters except for the first letter of the warning, and placed so as to ensure the integrity of the text when the tobacco product is opened in the manner indicated on its packaging and should not overlap other printed information or excise stamps.

An informational list on nicotine and tar content in the smoke of one cigarette (for cigarettes) shall be placed on the outside of one of the smaller sides of the tobacco product package and should occupy at least 15 percent of the area of this side:

2. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine within three months from the date this Law comes into force shall:

   ensure the adoption of regulatory-legal acts necessary for implementation of this Law;

   ensure that executive agencies bring their own regulatory-legal acts into compliance with this Law.