

Decree of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

amending the Decree of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health on standards and notifications concerning tobacco and related products

In accordance with the decision of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, sections 2 and 4 of the Decree of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health on standards and notifications concerning tobacco and related products (592/2016) are *amended*; and a new section 6b is *added* to the Decree, as follows:

Section 2

Methods for testing and demonstrating the fire safety requirements of cigarettes

The testing and demonstration of the combustion characteristics of cigarettes shall be carried out in accordance with the standards specified in points 37 and 49 of Annex I to Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1698 on European standards for products drafted in support of Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on general product safety.

Section 4

Date of notification of studies and sales volumes

The information referred to in sections 16, 27, 29b and in section 28(1) of the Tobacco Act shall be submitted to the National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health (Valvira) annually on 20 May at the latest. The information referred to in section 16(2), section 27, paragraph 1, and section 29b of the Tobacco Act shall be notified in respect of the previous calendar year.

Section 6b

Format of notification concerning smokeless nicotine products

For the purposes of the notification referred to in section 29a of the Tobacco Act, the format for the notification of smokeless tobacco products set out in Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2186 establishing a format for the submission and making available of information on tobacco products shall be used.

This Decree shall enter into force on 1 August 2025.

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