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Notification of Regulatory Barriers

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Act of [...] amending the Styrian Youth Act (StJG Amendment 2024)

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Message

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Ne zahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidējimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2024/0136/AT - S70E - Hazardous substances and preparations

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6. Tobacco products and related products, tobacco-free nicotine pouches, alcoholic beverages

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8. The present amendment responds to the development of new trends in the market, as it is necessary to include new nicotine products, such as nicotine pouches, in the Youth Act in order to protect the health of children and adolescents. In order to protect children and adolescents in the best possible way from the harmful effects on their health associated with the consumption of such nicotine pouches, further tobacco-free nicotine products and other nicotine-containing products intended for consumption have been added to the definitions (nicotine-containing medicinal products within the meaning of the Medicinal Products Act are not covered here). The aim of the legislation is to further expand the protection of children and adolescents in the province of Styria.

The draft Act also lays down age restrictions for the purchase, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and similar products by children and adolescents.

9. The need to extend the scope of the Act to include further nicotine products has arisen because of the increased consumption of nicotine pouches by adolescents in recent years. Nicotine pouches are tobaccoless, smokeless nicotine products that are consumed orally. These are usually placed between the upper lip and gum, left there for 30 to 60 minutes and then removed. Nicotine is absorbed through the oral mucosa and enters the entire body via the bloodstream. Nicotine pouches are addictive substances and can quickly lead to addiction. This is particularly problematic in the sense that these are consumed more frequently on average by adolescents and young adults.

Age restrictions are absolutely necessary in order to meet the objective of child and youth protection.

10. Reference to the basic texts: No basic text available

11. No

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13. No

14. No

15. Yes

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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