NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Finland  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** European Commission (WTO TBT enquiry point)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health PO Box 33 FI-00023 Government Finland Tel. +358 295 16001 Fax +358 9 698 0709 E-mail: [kirjaamo@stm.fi](mailto:kirjaamo@stm.fi) Website: <http://www.stm.fi> |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):**  Tobacco products (for example, the products under CCCN 2401, 2402 and 2403);  Electronic cigarettes and refill containers defined in Articles 2(16) and 2(17) of the Directive 2014/40/EU;  Nicotine containing and nicotine-free liquids for electronic cigarettes (for example, the products under CCCN 8543 70 90, 3824 90/ 18, 3824 90/ 19 and 8543 70/5) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Government Proposal for Amending the Tobacco Act (54 page(s), in Finnish) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Plain packaging, banning characterising flavours on all tobacco products, yearly fee for the manufacturers and importers of tobacco products and e‑cigarettes, etc. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Tobacco Act (549/2016) * G/TBT/N/FIN/50 |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 1 January 2022  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 January 2022;  Plain packaging entry into force 01/01/2023 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 1 July 2021 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Ministry of Employment and the Economy (in Finland) P.O. Box 32 FI-00023  +(358) 29 5047015 [maaraykset.tekniset@tem.fi](mailto:maaraykset.tekniset@tem.fi) <http://www.tem.fi>  <https://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tris/en/search/?trisaction=search.detail&year=2021&num=248> |