

**NOTIFICATION**

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying: CHINA</b> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>																											
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> State Tobacco Monopoly Administration of China <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>																											
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>																											
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Filter rod for cigarettes (ICS: 65.160)																											
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Glycerol Triacetate for Cigarette draft standard for approval ( 9 pages, in Chinese)																											
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The technical indexes of glycerol triacetate for cigarette should comply with the limiting requirements specified in Table 1.  <p style="text-align: center;">Table 1. Technical Indexes of Glycerol Triacetate for Cigarette</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Unit</th> <th>index</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Glycerol triacetate content</td> <td>%</td> <td>≥ 99.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Acidity(as Acetic Acid)</td> <td>%</td> <td>≤ 0.010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water content</td> <td>%</td> <td>≤ 0.050</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Colority/Hazen unit</td> <td>Pt-Co scale</td> <td>≤ 15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Density <math>\rho_{20}</math></td> <td><math>\text{g/cm}^3</math></td> <td>1.154~1.164</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refractive Index <math>n_D^{20}</math></td> <td>—</td> <td>1.430~1.435</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arsenic As</td> <td><math>\mu\text{g/g}</math></td> <td>≤ 1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lead Pb</td> <td><math>\mu\text{g/g}</math></td> <td>≤ 5.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Product quality evaluation rules</b> The lot of product is unqualified in any of the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One or more of the following four indexes (Glycerol triacetate content, Acidity, Arsenic, Lead) is not unqualified.</li> <li>Two or more of the following indexes (Glycerol triacetate appearance, water content, colority, refraction index and density) are unqualified.</li> </ol>	Item	Unit	index	Glycerol triacetate content	%	≥ 99.0	Acidity(as Acetic Acid)	%	≤ 0.010	Water content	%	≤ 0.050	Colority/Hazen unit	Pt-Co scale	≤ 15	Density $\rho_{20}$	$\text{g/cm}^3$	1.154~1.164	Refractive Index $n_D^{20}$	—	1.430~1.435	Arsenic As	$\mu\text{g/g}$	≤ 1.0	Lead Pb	$\mu\text{g/g}$	≤ 5.0
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<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> To assure the quality of the products and protect the human health
<b>8.</b>	<b>Relevant documents:</b> -
<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 90 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 3 months after adoption
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</b> WTO/TBT National Notification and Enquiry Center of the People's Republic of China Tel: +(86) 10 8226 0618 Fax: +(86) 10 8226 2448 E-mail: tbt@aqsiq.gov.cn  and  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2008/tbt/chn/08_0550_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2008/tbt/chn/08_0550_00_x.pdf</a>