

NOTIFICATION

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

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: State Tobacco Monopoly Administration of China 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:
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): Inner liner for cigarette, Cigarettes (ICS: 65.160;HS:2402)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Inner Liner for Cigarette (draft standard for approval) (9 pages, in Chinese).
6. Description of content: In the process of inner liner for cigarette production, any solvents, additives, coatings, printing inks and adhesives which are harmful to human health or may influence the qualities of cigarette are prohibited. The volatile organic compounds applied in inner liner for cigarette should comply with the requirements as follows: 1. Benzene content < 0.01 mg/m ² . 2. The total amount of the volatile organic compound of benzene homologs (toluene, ethyl benzene and xylene) ≤ 0.5mg/m ² . 3. The total amount of the volatile organic compound of ketones (acetone, cyclohexanone, 4-methyl-2-pentanone and 2-butanone) ≤ 3.0mg/m ² . 4. The total amount of the volatile organic compound of alcohols (methanol, n-propanol, iso-propanol, n-butanol, 1-methoxy-2-propanol and 1-ethoxy-2-propanol) ≤ 15.0mg/m ² . 5. The total amount of the volatile organic compound of esters (ethyl acetate, propyl acetate, butyl acetate, isopropyl acetate) ≤ 5.0mg/m ² . If the indexes of the volatile organic compounds do not comply with these requirements, the lot of inner liner for cigarette is unqualified.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: For maintaining the product's quality, protecting human health and the environment
8.	Relevant documents: -
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 90 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat Proposed date of entry into force: 3 months after adoption
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
11.	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: 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 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2008/tbt/chn/08_0551_00_x.pdf