

**NOTIFICATION**

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

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> CHINA <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> Cigarettes (ICS: 65.160)																																																
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Tolerance Values of Volatile Organic Compounds in Cigarette Carton and Packet Packaging Papers draft standard for approval (5 pages, in Chinese).																																																
<p><b>6. Description of content:</b></p> <p><b>Technical requirements</b> The technical indexes for volatile organic compounds in cigarette carton and packet packaging papers is given in the following Table 1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Table 1. Technical Indexes for Volatile Organic Compounds in Cigarette Carton and Packet Packaging Papers</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Serial number</th> <th>compound</th> <th>Structural formula</th> <th>Index (unit: mg/m<sup>2</sup>)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>Benzene</td> <td>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub></td> <td>0.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Ethanol</td> <td>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O</td> <td>50.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Isopropanol</td> <td>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O</td> <td>5.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Acetone</td> <td>C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O</td> <td>1.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>2-Butanone</td> <td>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O</td> <td>0.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Ethyl acetate</td> <td>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub></td> <td>10.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>Isopropyl acetate</td> <td>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub></td> <td>5.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>1-Butanol</td> <td>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O</td> <td>2.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>1-methoxy-2-propanol</td> <td>C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub></td> <td>60.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>Propyl acetate</td> <td>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub></td> <td>50.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>4-methyl-2-pentanone</td> <td>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O</td> <td>1.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Serial number	compound	Structural formula	Index (unit: mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	0	Benzene	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	0.01	1	Ethanol	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	50.0	2	Isopropanol	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	5.0	3	Acetone	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O	1.0	4	2-Butanone	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O	0.5	5	Ethyl acetate	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	10.0	6	Isopropyl acetate	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	5.0	7	1-Butanol	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	2.5	8	1-methoxy-2-propanol	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	60.0	9	Propyl acetate	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	50.0	10	4-methyl-2-pentanone	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O	1.0
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12	Butyl acetate	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	5.0
13	Ethyl benzene	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	0.25
14	Xylene	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	0.25
15	Cyclohexanone	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O	1.0

**Product quality evaluation rules**

The inspected carton or packet lot shall be regarded as disqualified if one of the following testing results appears :

1. Benzene content  $\geq 0.01$  mg/m<sup>2</sup>

2. The results obtained for other compounds do not satisfy the following formula

$$\sum(x_i/y_i-1) < 15.0$$

in the formula:

i - the serial number in the table above, i=1, 2, 3...15

x<sub>i</sub> - the value determined for each compound, if not detected, x<sub>i</sub>=0

y<sub>i</sub> - the value given in the table above for each compound,

x<sub>i</sub>/y<sub>i</sub> - 1—ratio exceeded the index, when x<sub>i</sub>/y<sub>i</sub><1, x<sub>i</sub>/y<sub>i</sub> -1=0

**7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:**  
To protect 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:**

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