
GOVERNMENT NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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TOBACCO PRODUCTS CONTROL ACT, 1993 (Act No. 83 of 1993)

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE STANDARDS FOR MANUFACTURING OF REDUCED IGNITION PROPENSITY (RIP) CIGARETTES

The Minister of Health, intends to, in terms of section 6(1)(d)(iii) of the Tobacco Products Control Act, 1993 (Act No. 83 of 1993), as amended, to make the regulations as set out in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General of Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Health Promotion), within three months of the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations, 'the Act' means the Tobacco Products Control Act, 1993 (Act No. 83 of 1993) as amended, and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning and unless inconsistent with the context-

"Cigarette" means a roll of tobacco for smoking, enclosed in paper; and

"repeatability" means the range of values within which the repeat results of cigarette test trials from a single laboratory will fall 95 percent of the time.

Requirements.**2. No person shall import, sell, or offer to sell, any cigarettes unless:**

- (a) the cigarettes have been tested in accordance with the testing method and meet the performance standard specified in regulation 3;
- (b) a written certification has been filed by the manufacturer or importer with the Director-General in accordance with regulations 10 to 14 ; and
- (c) the cigarettes are marked in accordance with regulation 16 to 19.

Performance standard

3. No more than 25 percent of the cigarettes shall burn their full length when tested in a test trial described in regulations 4 to 9.

Testing requirement

4. Testing of cigarettes shall be conducted in accordance with the American Society of Testing and Materials ("ASTM") standard E2187-04, "Standard Test Method for Measuring the Ignition Strength of Cigarettes."

5. Cigarettes must be tested as part of a test trial. Each test trial of a cigarette must consist of 40 replicated tests. The performance standard required by regulation 3 shall only be applied to a complete test trial.

6. Each test of a cigarette in a test trial must be conducted on 10 layers of filter paper.

7. Laboratories conducting testing for written certifications must:

- (a) be accredited by the International Organization for Standardization pursuant to standard ISO/IEC Guide 17025:2005, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*;