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TOBACCO (CONTROL OF ADVERTISEMENTS AND SALE) ACT (CHAPTER 309)

TOBACCO (CONTROL OF ADVERTISEMENTS AND SALE) (APPEARANCE, PACKAGING AND LABELLING — EXEMPTION) ORDER 2020

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 22 of the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the Minister for Health makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order is the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) (Appearance, Packaging and Labelling — Exemption) Order 2020 and comes into operation on 1 July 2020.

Definitions

2. In this Order —

“authorised checkpoint” means any authorised airport, authorised landing place, authorised train checkpoint or authorised point of entry declared under section 5 of the Immigration Act (Cap. 133);

“graphic health warning” means a pictorial warning (whether or not accompanied by or including any text) that provides information about the health risks associated with the use of tobacco products;

“retail package”, in relation to any tobacco product, means a container in which the tobacco product is supplied for the purpose of retail sale;

“traveller” means an individual who is not an under-aged person and who enters Singapore at an authorised checkpoint.

Exemption

3. Section 17(1)(a) of the Act and the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) (Appearance, Packaging and Labelling) Regulations 2019 (G.N. No. S 480/2019) do not apply to a traveller mentioned in paragraph 4(1) who imports into Singapore any tobacco product that complies with paragraph 4(2) and (3).

Conditions of exemption

4.—(1) A traveller is exempt under paragraph 3 if —

- (a) the total weight of all the tobacco products imported by the traveller does not exceed 400 grams;
- (b) the tobacco products are for the traveller’s personal use only and not for sale or supply in Singapore; and
- (c) the tobacco products comply with the requirements relating to appearance, packaging and labelling in sub-paragraph (2) or (3), as the case may be.

(2) If a tobacco product mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) is in a retail package, the external surface of the retail package —

- (a) must not bear any brand name or variant name (if any) of the tobacco product or logo, other than the brand name and variant name (if any) of the tobacco product printed —
 - (i) in a dull or drab colour; and
 - (ii) in a plain typeface and font;
- (b) must bear a graphic health warning; and

(c) must be entirely in the colour Pantone 448C except for —

- (i) the brand name and variant name (if any) of the tobacco product that complies with sub-paragraph (a);
- (ii) the graphic health warning; and
- (iii) any other health information or message.

(3) If a tobacco product mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) is not in a retail package, the tobacco product must not bear any brand name or variant name (if any) or logo.

(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(a)(ii), the brand name and variant name of a tobacco product are taken to be printed in a plain typeface and font if the typeface and font are not elaborate or decorated.

Made on 1 June 2020.

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