Consolidated version (final)

Law of Georgia

Regarding amendments to the Law of Georgia "On Tobacco Control".

Article 1. The following amendment shall be made to the Law of Georgia "On Tobacco Control" (Legislative Gazette of Georgia, No. 76, 29.12.2010, Article 500):

1. Article 2:

a) subsection "e" shall be deleted;

b) After subsection "m", subsections "n"-"z" with the following content should be added:

"n) protection of the process of development and implementation of the state policy related to tobacco control in the field of health protection from the interference of persons involved in the tobacco industry, as well as the relationship with the persons involved in the tobacco industry in compliance with the principles of publicity and transparency of the state;

n) control of the ingredients of tobacco products, substances emitted from tobacco products, and tobacco packaging;

p) despite the compliance of the actions of persons involved in the tobacco industry with the norms in force in the field of tobacco control in Georgia, the impossibility of releasing them from criminal or civil liability in the event of the existence of a relevant legal basis for such liability;

p) Implementation of other measures permitted by law to fulfill the objectives and principles of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

2. Article 3:

a) Sub-paragraph "a" should be formed with the following wording:

"a) Tobacco products - products containing tobacco or its elements (except medicinal products containing nicotine) intended for smoking, chewing, snorting or inhalation, including:

A.a) filter cigarettes, filterless cigarettes;

A.b) papyrus, cigar, cigarillo;

A.C) Sachibukhe tobacco, tobacco intended for hookah;

A.d) strip tobacco;

A.e) chewing tobacco, snuffing tobacco, inhaling tobacco;

A.f) Nicotine-containing material/cartridge/capsule of electronic cigarette or other similar device;";

b) after sub-section "a", the following sub-section "a ^{1} " shall be added:

"a ^{1}) Tobacco accessory and/or equipment intended for tobacco use - mouthpiece, pipe, hookah, smoking tobacco device, inhaling tobacco device, electronic cigarette or other similar device, cigarette lighters, special lighter, tobacco wrapping paper, tobacco wrapping device, tobacco A cutting device, an ashtray, any kind of cigarette case or other object intended primarily for the consumption and/or storage of tobacco, as well as an illustration of a cigarette, its pack or the above-mentioned object or any other object representing it;";

c) subsection "d" should be formed with the following wording:

"d) tobacco smoking - inhalation of primary smoke or vapor released as a result of burning or heating tobacco products;";

d) After subsection "e", the following subsection "e ^{1} " shall be added:

"e ^{1}) Cigar bar - a special establishment, which is arranged on the basis of a permit issued in accordance with the Law of Georgia "On Licenses and Permits" and in which smoking of cigars provided for in subsection "AB" of this article is allowed;";

e) Sub-section "f" should be formed with the following wording:

"f) Medical warning - a warning inscription about the harmfulness of tobacco smoking, which must include the appropriate pictogram;";

f) Sub-section "h" should be formed with the following wording:

"h) ingredient of tobacco products - tobacco, additive, substance or element included in tobacco products, including paper, filter, capsule, ink, glue;";

g) after subsection "h" add subsection "h ^{1} " with the following content :

"h ^{1}) Additive - substance or material (except tobacco leaf) that is added to tobacco products;";

h) Sub-sections "i" and "k" should be formed with the following wording:

"i) Ministry - Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Protection of Georgia;

k) substance emitted from tobacco products - substance that is released as a result of the intended use of tobacco products, in particular, the substance contained in the smoke of cigarettes or other types of smoking tobacco, which is released as a result of the consumption of smoking tobacco, as well as the substance released as a result of the use of chewing tobacco, snuff tobacco, inhalation tobacco; ";

i) subsection "l" shall be removed;

j) subsection "j" shall be removed;

k) subsection "S" shall be removed;

m) after sub-section "U", the following sub-sections "F" and "K" shall be added:

"f) Building - any structure (except for a vehicle) that has a floor, any type of roof or ceiling and at least 1/2 of the surface (except for the roof, ceiling, floor) has any type and/or material, movable or immovable walls, including open or closed windows and doors;

k) Public transport – any means of transport, including a bus, tram, trolleybus, shuttle, train, aircraft, metro, ship or other watercraft, which is used to transport people for a fee and/or for commercial gain. ".

3. Articles 4 and 5 shall be formulated as follows:

"Article 4. Tobacco control measures and bylaws regulating the field of tobacco control

1. The Government of Georgia implements a long-term state strategy for tobacco control and an annual state program.

2. The normative act of the Government of Georgia defines:

a) maximum permissible norms, measurement and regulation rules of substances (nicotine, tar, carbon monoxide) emitted from filtered and filterless cigarettes intended for sale in Georgia, taking into account the international requirements in the field of tobacco control;

b) the procedure for placing medical warnings (including pictograms and text inscriptions) on tobacco products (box/block, packaging);

c) The rule of standardizing tobacco products and their packaging intended for sale in Georgia.

3. Measurement of the substances (nicotine, tar, carbon dioxide) emitted from filtered and unfiltered cigarettes should be provided by the manufacturer and/or importer of the mentioned tobacco products at their own expense. The manufacturer and/or importer of tobacco products must confirm that the measurement is carried out in accordance with the standards and must submit the documents confirming the aforementioned to the Ministry by May 31 of each year. The list of these documents is determined by the order of the Minister of Labor, Health and Social Protection of Georgia. The tobacco manufacturer and/or importer ensures compliance of the said tobacco products with the data specified in the documents. In addition, the producer and/or importer of tobacco products must submit information to the Ministry on the ingredients of tobacco products (in particular, the list of ingredients,

4. The rules of prohibition/restriction of tobacco production, import and sale established by this law should be taken into account in the license/permit/authorization conditions of the persons carrying out the activities determined by the relevant license/permit/authorization.

5. Verification of compliance with the requirements established by this law in the field of tobacco control is not the control of entrepreneurial activity and, therefore, the Law of Georgia "On Entrepreneurial Activity" does not apply to it.

6. In the process of preparing, making and implementing decisions related to tobacco control in the field of health care, public institutions, state employees and public servants should have relations with persons involved in the tobacco industry only if it is necessary to provide them with the possibility of effective regulation in relation to tobacco production and tobacco products. In case of necessity of relations with persons involved in the tobacco industry, the said persons should manage the relations of the state with them in a transparent manner, through public discussions, public notification about this relation and introduction of developed documents to the public. Issues related to the mentioned relationship are determined by the normative act of the Government of Georgia.

Article 5. Sale and/or placement of tobacco products, tobacco accessories and/or devices intended for tobacco consumption

1. It is forbidden to engage a person under the age of 18 in the tobacco industry.

2. Sale and/or placement of tobacco products, tobacco accessories and/or devices intended for tobacco use is prohibited:

a) in educational (general education, higher educational, professional), educational and educational-educational institutions and their adjacent territories within a radius of 50 meters (from the nearest point of the territory of the relevant institution);

b) in a public institution; in any kind of medical, sports and cultural institutions and in the territories owned by them;

c) in the section of the shopping facility where children's clothes, food products and/or toys are sold;

d) unit with sticks or unit box/packing, if it contains less than or more than 20 sticks of cigarettes;

e) without packaging (except for tobacco accessories and/or devices intended for tobacco consumption);

f) to a person under the age of 18;

g) by means of an electronic or mechanical machine;

h) if the tobacco products intended for sale in Georgia are manufactured in violation of Georgian legislation;

i) free of charge or at a price lower than the cost price, including by adding to the daily ration for military personnel;

j) via the Internet or by mail (retail) (except for tobacco accessories and/or devices intended for tobacco use, which do not bear the trademark and/or name of the products (goods) of persons involved in the tobacco industry);

k) in early and pre-school upbringing and education institutions and their surrounding areas within a radius of 50 meters;

m) on a showcase, stained-glass window, counter, shelf or otherwise, so that it is visible from the outside of the relevant object (except for cigarette lighters, special lighters, ashtrays and cigarette cases, which do not bear the trademark and/or name of the products (goods) of persons involved in the tobacco industry , as well as cases of sale and placement in the free zone of the customs territory at the airport);

n) on a showcase, stained-glass window, counter, shelf or otherwise, so that it is visible from the inside of the relevant object (except for cigarette lighters, special lighters, ashtrays and cigarette cases, which do not bear the trademark and/or name of the products (goods) of persons involved in the tobacco industry , as well as cases of sale and placement in the free zone of the customs territory at the airport);

n) sale of tobacco products or tobacco accessories by directly delivering them to the occupants of the vehicle from the relevant facility.

3. It is prohibited to distribute or raffle tobacco products, tobacco accessories and/or devices intended for tobacco consumption through lotteries, gambling and winning games, raffles in any other form and/or in such events tobacco products or any of their parts, tobacco accessories and/or devices intended for tobacco consumption Participating in the means or their distribution, as well as promoting tobacco products in any other way, including:

a) transfer or offer of a gift, transfer of tobacco products, tobacco accessories and/or equipment intended for tobacco consumption or offering to taste tobacco products for the purpose of sale;

b) strengthening the initiative or loyalty scheme, in particular, the distribution of coupons during the sale of tobacco products;

c) direct personal communication, network marketing that promotes or may promote tobacco products, tobacco manufacturers or wholesalers;

d) promotional material aimed at an individual, including informational material (in particular, direct mail), telemarketing, consumer research, which promotes or may promote a tobacco product, tobacco manufacturer or wholesaler;

e) paying money to the retailer, giving a reward or otherwise contributing to the activity of the retailer, which is intended to motivate him to sell more tobacco products;

f) payment of money by a tobacco manufacturer, importer or wholesaler, persons directly or indirectly related to them or contribution in any other way to an event, activity of a natural person or organization, which as a result promotes tobacco products, tobacco manufacturer, importer or wholesaler or their representatives;

g) Sale or distribution of toys, sweets or other products that are not tobacco products and are illustrations, simulations or imitations of tobacco products.

4. In places where tobacco products are sold, a medical warning approved by the legislation of Georgia and a contact phone number for consultation for those who want to refuse tobacco use, as well as information about the sale of tobacco products, tobacco accessories and/or tobacco products intended for use by persons under the age of 18, must be placed on paper of at least A4 format. Selling the device is prohibited.

5. If the seller of tobacco products, tobacco accessories and/or equipment intended for tobacco consumption cannot confirm that the buyer of tobacco products, tobacco accessories and/or equipment intended for tobacco consumption is a person who has reached the age of 18, he is obliged to request from this person a document confirming his majority and only After making sure that he is a person who has reached the age of 18, to sell him tobacco products, tobacco accessories and/or equipment intended for tobacco use.

4. Article 5 [1] of the following content shall be added to the law :

Article 5 [1] . Sale and/or placement of tobacco products in standardized packaging

1. It is prohibited to sell and/or distribute tobacco products (except for the tobacco products provided for in subsection "A.V" of Article 3 of this law) without standardized packaging.

2. The procedure for standardizing tobacco products and their packaging is determined by this law and the corresponding legal act of the Government of Georgia."

5. Article 6:

a) Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be formulated as follows:

"1. The name of tobacco products intended for sale in Georgia, none of the packaging and/or label elements of tobacco products should contain false, misleading or misleading information about the properties of tobacco products, harmful effects or released harmful substances; No word, abbreviation, sign, image, graphic or number may be used in the state language of Georgia or in any foreign language, which directly or indirectly creates a false impression that these tobacco products are less harmful than other products, including they may not be used as a brand or in the trademark name, namely, the words: "light", "mild", "less intense", "ultralight", "low content", "extra", "ultra", "menthol" and others.

2. A medical warning approved by Georgian legislation must be placed on each box/block and packaging of tobacco products (except for tobacco products provided for in subsection "A.V" of Article 3 of this Law), which should include the main warning, an additional warning (relevant warning approved by Georgian legislation with a pictogram, and in the case provided for by subsection "A.E" of Article 3 of this law - with a corresponding text inscription) and contact phone number.";

b) After paragraph 2, paragraph 2^1 of the following content shall be added :

"2^1. An appropriate information sheet about these products must be placed in the packaging of tobacco products provided for in subsection "A.V" of Article 3 of this law.";

c) Paragraphs 3-5 should be formulated as follows:

"3. The Government of Georgia approves 3 samples of basic medical warnings, 9 samples of additional medical warnings and 9 samples of corresponding pictograms, 1 sample of text inscription, forms of relevant information sheet, contact phone number, as well as computer font and size of medical warning, appropriate parameters of image quality.

4. The pictograph pattern must correspond to and contain the text of the additional medical warning and must occupy the part of the medical warning established by the Government of Georgia.

5. Medical warnings are rotated as follows:

a) The manufacturer and/or importer of tobacco products must use all basic health warnings during the year, so that they are equally distributed on the box/block and packaging of each type of tobacco product for sale;

b) The manufacturer and/or importer of tobacco products must choose 3 additional medical warnings with appropriate pictograms during the year, so that they are evenly distributed on the box/block and packaging of each type of tobacco product for sale.";

d) Paragraph 6:

D.a) Subsection "b" should be formed with the following wording:

"b) printed on the packaging of tobacco products (except for the outer transparent packaging), must not be covered, distorted or altered, damaged when opening the packaging or removed from it;";

d.b) subsections "c" and "d" should be formed with the following wording:

"c) printed in computer font, darkened, with black letters on a white background or white letters on a black background; The white background must be limited by a black frame, and the black background - by a white frame that does not cross or touch the letters; The thickness of the frame line should be 1 mm;

d) placed on the front and back large pages of the packaging of tobacco products, parallel to the upper and lower edges, and should not occupy less than 65 percent of the total area of the page, including the border lines, and for tobacco products provided for in Article 3, subparagraph "A.E" of this law – located on the front and back large pages of the package and must not occupy less than 30 percent of the total area of the page, including the border lines;';

d.c) After subsection "d", subsection "e" with the following content should be added:

"e) placed: additional medical warning - on the front page of the box, and basic medical warning - on the back page.";

e) Paragraph 7 shall be deleted;

f) Clause 8 should be formulated as follows:

"8. A medical warning may not be covered by other printed information or images.";

g) after paragraph 8, paragraphs 9-13 of the following content shall be added:

"9. This law and the corresponding legal act of the Government of Georgia define the rules for the standardization of tobacco products (except for the tobacco products provided for in subsection "A.V" of Article 3 of this law) and their packaging, the purpose of which is:

a) reducing the attractiveness of tobacco products;

b) increasing the effectiveness and visibility of medical warnings;

c) Reducing the possibility of misleading the consumer about tobacco products or their consumption by packaging tobacco products.

10. It is prohibited to use a brand, logo, trademark or any other element denoting it on the packaging (box, block, container, etc.) of tobacco products (except for the tobacco products provided for in subsection "A.V" of Article 3 of this law) and on each stick. Any inscription on the packaging (box, block, container, etc.) of tobacco products (except for the tobacco products provided for in subsection "A.V" of Article 3 of this law) must be written in a single, unified font, in the state language of Georgia, and the country of manufacture must be indicated. In addition, it is forbidden to put any inscription on filter cigarettes, filterless cigarettes, cigarettes, cigars and cigarillos.

11. The Government of Georgia, by a normative act, makes a decision regarding the admission (use), prohibition of the following characteristics and/or elements of tobacco products (except for the tobacco products provided for in subsection "A.V" of Article 3 of this law) or defining any kind of requirements for them:

a) color, size and shape of tobacco products or their packaging;

b) packaging material and texture of tobacco products;

c) type of opening of packaging of tobacco products;

d) casing and contents of tobacco products;

e) certain words or signs on tobacco products and their packaging (including a certain brand, logo or trademark);

f) words or signs that are allowed to be placed on tobacco products or their packaging;

g) distinguishing characteristics of tobacco products and their packaging, including characteristics aimed at changing the appearance or content of tobacco products and their packaging, to emit a sound or emit a scent after the sale of tobacco products;

h) an object or material placed or used in the packaging of tobacco products, which is not an integral or necessary part of this packaging;

i) an object attached to tobacco products or their packaging, except for the mandatory excise stamp and the medical warning specified in this article;

j) determining the weight of tobacco products, which can be placed in the packaging of tobacco products;

k) such a characteristic or element of tobacco products that will lead to imparting a characteristic taste to these products.

12. It is allowed to display the name of the brand or variant on the packaging of tobacco products (except for the tobacco products provided for in subsection "A.V" of Article 3 of this law) only in accordance with the normative act of the Government of Georgia. The mentioned normative act of the Government of Georgia can define:

a) brand or variant name length limit;

b) Prohibiting the use of words and colors in the name of a brand or variant that may mislead the consumer about the characteristics, health effects, risks or emissions of tobacco products, or that these tobacco products are less harmful or better than other products because is natural or organic, or beneficial for a healthy lifestyle;

c) use of words or phrases that are intended to provide economic incentives to the user;

d) requirements regarding the manner of display of words or signs, including the manner and circumstances in which these words or signs are displayed, the type, size and type of the appropriate font, as well as the location and orientation of the words on the packaging of tobacco products.

13. Normative acts adopted in accordance with paragraphs 9-12 of this article should not affect a person's right to intellectual property - to register, own and dispose of a trademark and copyright."

6. Clause 3 of Article 7 shall be deleted.

7. Article 8 shall be removed.

8. Article 9 shall be formulated as follows:

Article 9. Export and import of tobacco

1. Export and import of tobacco is carried out in accordance with the legislation of Georgia.

2. Norms established by this law (except for Article 10 of the same law) do not apply to the amount of tobacco products imported by a person within 1 calendar day, and in other cases - 30 calendar days, established by the Tax Code of Georgia.

9. Article 10:

a) The first paragraph should be formulated as follows:

"1. Smoking is prohibited:

a) in buildings and structures of any purpose, except for the buildings and structures provided for in paragraph $^{1.1}$ of this article ;

b) in public transport, except for taxis and boats;

c) in the buildings and structures of educational (general education, higher education, professional), educational and educational-educational institutions, other educational institutions, libraries, student youth camps, children's entertainment centers and other institutions intended for persons under 18 years of age, and in the territories owned by them, as well as at public gatherings intended for persons under the age of 18;

d) in the buildings and structures of medical and pharmaceutical institutions and on their owned territories, except for the institutions provided for in paragraphs 1 and ^{2} of this article ;

e) in the premises of gasoline, gas and gas distribution stations, as well as in the buildings and structures of those institutions, where flammable substances are stored;

f) at the stadium, which has an administration.";

b) After the first paragraph, the following paragraphs 1 ^{1} - 1 ^{4} shall be added :

"1 ^{1} . Smoking is allowed in the following premises:

a) at the place of residence of a natural person (if the natural person/natural person's family actually lives in this place of residence and this place of residence is not the actual place of business activity at the same time);

b) in a specialized laboratory unit for studying tobacco smoke;

c) in a penitentiary institution;

d) in a cigar bar arranged on the basis of a permit issued in accordance with the Law of Georgia "On Licenses and Permits" (only for cigars provided for in subsection "AB" of Article 3 of this law);

e) in Samorin;

f) in the transit zone of the airport, according to the procedure established by paragraph 1 ^{3} of this article ;

g) in the pre-detention isolator.

1 ^{2} . In institutions intended for inpatient psychiatric and palliative treatment, tobacco smoking is permitted by special order of the head of the respective institution, for some patients receiving support or seriously ill patients, in a specially designated place, which must be completely separated (by walls) from other parts/territory of the institution and must have ventilation or open space outgoing window. For such a patient, smoking tobacco, by special order of the head of the mentioned institution, is also allowed in the ward, if he is isolated from other patients.

1 ^{3} . In the transit zone of the airport, smoking of tobacco is allowed only in a special smoking room, which must have a separate ventilation system, from which tobacco smoke must not enter another space, and in which food and drink must not be brought and consumed. The rules for allocating a special smoking room in the transit zone of the airport, as well as special requirements for a special smoking room, are determined by the normative act of the Government of Georgia.

1 ^{4} . The rules and conditions of tobacco consumption in the penitentiary institution are determined by the order of the Minister of Penitentiary and Probation of Georgia.";

c) Paragraphs 2-6 shall be removed;

d) Clauses 7 and 8 should be formulated as follows:

"7. Demonstration of tobacco smoking or other forms of its consumption through mass information, other printed or electronic means, through mass display and theatrical performance is prohibited, with the exception of accidental exposure of a smoker during a live broadcast in an open space.

8. The institution (legal person, other organizational formation, association of persons without creating a legal person, entrepreneurial entity, public institution, including state body and local self-government body) is obliged to:

a) to ensure prohibition/restriction of tobacco smoking established by this law in the premises and/or territory where he is engaged in activities defined by the first paragraph of this article;

b) not to allow the presence of smoke, ash, soot resulting from tobacco consumption, as well as the placement of a hookah, in the building and/or territory defined by the first paragraph of this article, where he is engaged in his activities;

c) to develop and approve the rules related to the prohibition/restriction of tobacco smoking in the premises and/or territory where he is engaged in activities defined by the first paragraph of this article;

d) in the building and/or territory defined by the first paragraph of this article, in all entrances and other visible places, to post the rules related to the prohibition/restriction of tobacco smoking, the relevant inscription and sign regarding the prohibition/restriction of tobacco smoking, as well as the physical contact phone number and other information of the person/institution that can be contacted in case of violation of the rules related to the prohibition/restriction of tobacco use;

e) not to allow smoking of tobacco, and in case of detection of the fact of smoking of tobacco, within the scope of the powers granted by the law, to immediately prevent it in the building and/or territory defined by the first paragraph of this article, where it is engaged in activities.";

e) after paragraph 8, paragraph 9 with the following content should be added:

"9. The driver, owner/owner of public transport is obliged to comply with the rules of prohibition/restriction of smoking in the relevant public transport and to prevent the facts of non-compliance with these rules.

10. Articles 10 ^{1} and 10 ^{2} of the following content shall be added to the law :

"Article 10 ^{1} . The permit and permit conditions for the arrangement of parity

1. The Ministry of Finance of Georgia implements the issuance, cancellation, making changes to the permit for the arrangement of equals, keeping it in the departmental permit register and other measures related to this permit in accordance with the Law of Georgia "On Licenses and Permits" and this law.

2. The permit to arrange a settlement is issued for a period of 4 years.

3. It is prohibited to transfer the permit for the arrangement of equality stipulated in this article to another person.

4. It is prohibited to offer any product to the customer for gifting, selling or tasting in a cigar bar, except for cigars, as well as drinks, provided for in Article 3 of this law.

5. Admission of minors to Sigarabar is prohibited.

6. The owner of Sigarabar is obliged to place the contact information of the relevant fire-rescue unit in a visible place.

7. In order to obtain a permit to arrange a match, the applicant shall submit an application to the Ministry of Finance of Georgia, in addition to the documents provided for in Article 25 of the Law of Georgia "On Licenses and Permits", the following documents and information shall be attached:

a) Document confirming the ownership of the relevant institution (entrepreneurial entity);

b) documents certifying that the cigar bar will be located in an isolated building or in an isolated part of the building, will be connected to other parts of the building by a deaf wall, will have a separate entrance, ventilation system, and cigarette smoke will not enter another part of the building or other building-structure;

c) a document issued by the relevant authorized body regarding the proper operation of the ventilation system;

d) a document confirming the ownership of an electric humidifier;

e) Information on teaching the rules of sale and consumption of tobacco products for the employees (employees) of the relevant institution.

8. The holder of the permit for setting up a cigar bar is obliged to submit to the issuer of the permit for setting up a cigar bar 1 year after receiving the permit and every subsequent year the information that according to the relevant year, at least 15 percent of his annual turnover was the amount received from the sale of cigars.

Article 10 ^{2} . Responsibility for non-fulfillment of the permit conditions for the arrangement of equality

1. Liability for non-fulfillment of permit conditions for the arrangement of equalization shall be determined by the legislation of Georgia, including this law.

2. Non-fulfillment of the conditions of the permit for the arrangement of the fair by the holder of the permit for the arrangement of the fair shall result in his being fined in the amount of 500 GEL.

3. Despite the imposition of the fine provided for in paragraph 2 of this article, the failure of the permit holder to comply with the permit conditions will result in his being fined in accordance with Article 34 of the Law of Georgia "On Licenses and Permits".

4. If, despite the payment of the fines provided for in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article, the holder of the permit for the arrangement of equalization still does not fulfill the permit conditions, the permit issuer shall make a decision to cancel the permit. Issues related to the cancellation of this permit are regulated in accordance with the Law of Georgia "On Licenses and Permits".

5. The relevant body of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia has the right to draw up the protocol of the offense provided for in this article and review the case.

6. The form of the offense protocol provided for in this article, the manner of its filling and submission shall be determined by the order of the Minister of Finance of Georgia, and the proceedings shall be carried out in accordance with the legislation of Georgia."

11. Article 12 shall be formulated as follows:

Article 12. State control of the implementation of the law

1. State control of the implementation of this law is carried out in accordance with the legislation of Georgia.

2. In order to implement this law, for the administration of issues related to tobacco control, authorized institutions may, if necessary, develop and issue relevant legal acts."

12. Article 12 of the following content shall be added to the law :

"Article 12 1 . Transitional provisions

1. Until January 1, 2020, it is allowed to smoke tobacco in the stadium provided for by subparagraph "f" of the first paragraph of Article 10 of this law.

2. Until January 1, 2020, smoking is allowed in no more than 20 percent of hotel rooms. It is not allowed to change the mode of smoking in smoking and non-smoking rooms of the hotel. Smoking rooms of the hotel must be separated by a special order of the hotel administration, which must be placed in a visible place in the hotel.

3. Until January 1, 2019, it is possible to put a label on tobacco products in accordance with the rules established by the Government of Georgia about the substances emitted from tobacco products."

Article 2

1. Until May 1, 2018:

a) The Government of Georgia shall adopt the provisions of Article 4, Clause 2, subparagraphs "a" and "b" and Clause 6 of the Law provided for by Article 1, Clause 3 of this Law, Article 6 of the Law provided for by Article 1, Clause 5 of this Law Normative acts defined by clauses 3 and 4 of the article and clause 9 of the first article of this law, article 10, clause 1 3 of the law;

b) The Minister of Labor, Health and Social Protection of Georgia issued the order specified in Article 4, Paragraph 3 of the Law provided for in Article 1, Paragraph 3 of this Law;

c) The Minister of Correctional Services and Probation of Georgia issued the order specified in Article 10, Paragraph 1 4 of the Law provided for in Article 1, Paragraph 9 of this Law ;

d) the Minister of Finance of Georgia issued the order specified in paragraph 6 of Article 10 2 of the Law provided for in Paragraph 10 of Article 1 of this Law;

e) Relevant institutions/agencies ensure compliance of their legal acts with this law.

2. Until July 1, 2022, the Government of Georgia shall adopt the provisions of Article 4, Clause 2, subparagraph "c" of the Law provided for in Article 1, Clause 3 of this Law, Article 5, Article 1, Clause 2 of the Law provided for in Article 1, Clause 4 of this Law and the normative acts defined by paragraphs 9-12 of article 6 of the law provided for in paragraph 5 of the first article of this law.

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Article 3

1. This law, with the exception of paragraphs 1-11 of the first article of this law, shall come into effect immediately after its publication.

2. Clause 4 of Article 1 and Sub-Clause "g" of Clause 5 of this Law shall come into effect on December 31, 2022.

3. Clauses 1 and 2 of Article 1 of this Law, Clause 3 (except for Clause 6 of Article 4 and Clause 2 of Article 5 of the Law provided for in this Clause), Sub-paragraphs "b", "c", "d.a", "e" and "f" of clause 5 and clauses 6-11 shall come into effect on May 1, 2018.

4. Paragraph 6 of Article 4 and Sub-paragraphs "m" and "o" of Paragraph 2 of Article 5 of the Law provided for in Paragraph 3 of Article 1 of this Law and Paragraph "a" of Paragraph 5 of Article 1 of this Law, "D.B" and "D.C" subsections shall come into effect on September 1, 2018.

5. Clause "N" of Article 5, Clause 2 of the Law provided for in Clause 3 of Article 1 of this Law shall come into effect on January 1, 2021.

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