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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| <b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>GEORGIA</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>  |
| <b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Georgian National Agency for Standards and Metrology (GEOSTM)<br><b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website 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 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>  |
| <b>4. Products covered (HS or CCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment (ICS code(s): 65.160)  |
| <b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Ordinance of the Government of Georgia (#257 16/05/2022) On the approval of the Technical Regulations for the Standardization of Tobacco Products and their Packaging Intended for Sale in Georgia; (10 page(s), in Georgian)  |
| <b>6. Description of content:</b> Technical regulation goals are to reduce the attractiveness of tobacco products; increase effectiveness and visibility of the medical warning message; reduce the likelihood to mislead a consumer about the tobacco product or its consumption by the tobacco product packaging; reducing the number of cases of advertising and promotion of tobacco products by packaging.   |
| <b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety  |
| <b>8. Relevant documents:</b> Ordinance elaborated based on Directive 2014/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products and repealing Directive 2001/37/EC Text with EEA relevance; Council Directive 2011/64/EU of 21 June 2011 on the structure and rates of excise duty applied to manufactured tobacco; Council Directive 2007/74/EC of 20 December 2007 on the exemption from value-added tax and excise duty of goods imported by persons traveling from third countries. |
| <b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 16 May 2022<br><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 31 December 2022  |
| <b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification   |

**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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