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ANACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY ON TOBACCO AND

ALCOHOL ACT, NO. 27 OF 2006

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist

Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the National Authority on Short title.

Tobacco and Alcohol (Amendment) Act, No. 3 of 2015.

2. Section 34 of the National Authority on Tobacco and Replacement of

Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the section 34 of

Act, No. 27 of

“principal enactment”) is hereby repealed and the following

2006.

section substituted therefor:—

“Prohibition 34 (1) A manufacturer or an importer of a

of the tobacco product shall cause to be displayed

manufacture,

conspicuously and in legible print—

sale, import

etc. of

tobacco (a) on the top surface area of both front

products

and back sides of every packet, package

without

health or carton containing the tobacco

warnings and product manufactured or imported by

a label or a such manufacturer or importer, health

statement of

warnings, as may be prescribed, subject

tar and

nicotine to the provisions of section 34A; and

content.

(b) on every packet, package or carton

containing the tobacco product

manufactured or imported by such

manufacturer or importer, a lable or a

statement specifying the tar and

nicotine content in each tobacco

product in such packet, package or

carton.

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(2) A person shall not sell, offer for sale,

supply, distribute or store a packet, package or

carton containing tobacco products unless

health warnings as provided for in subsection

(1) (a) and a label or a statement as provided

for in subsection (1)(b), are displayed

conspicuously in legible print on every packet,

package or carton containing the tobacco

products.

(3) Any person who contravenes the

provisions of subsection (1) or subsection (2),

commits an offence and on conviction after

summary trial by a Magistrate be liable to a

fine not exceeding rupees fifty thousand or to

an imprisonment of either description for a term

not exceeding one year or to both such fine

and imprisonment.”.

Insertion of new 3. The following new section is hereby inserted

section 34A in immediately after section 34 of the principal enactment and

the principal

shall have effect as section 34A of the principal enactment:—

enactment.

“How to 34A. (1) A manufacturer or an importer of

display cigarettes and other tobacco products shall

health

cause to be printed the health warnings referred

warnings.

to in section 34(1), covering an area of eighty

per centum of the top surface area (principle

display area) of both front and back sides of

every packet, package or carton containing

cigarettes and other tobacco products.

(2) The health warnings referred to in the

foregoing subsection, shall indicate in the

prescribed manner, the health hazards and the

harmful effects caused by the usage of

cigarettes and other tobacco products.

(3) The health warnings on the front and

back sides of the packet, package or carton

shall defer from each other.

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(4) Where a manufacturer manufactures

more than one brand of cigarettes and other

tobacco products, the manufacturer shall ensure

that two different brands manufactured by such

manufacturer shall not bear the same health

warning, simultaneously.

(5) The health warnings displayed on the

packets, packages or cartons of cigarettes and

other tobacco products shall be changed once

in every six months, so that all types of

prescribed health warnings under all prescribed

categories of health warnings shall be covered.

(6) The manufacturers and importers of

cigarettes and other tobacco products shall use

the compact disc containing the prescribed

health warnings which shall be issued only by

the Authority.”.

4. Section 45 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended by the insertion immedialely after the definition sectionm 45 of

the principal

of the expression “Chairman” of the following definition:—

enactment.

“ “Health warnings” includes pictures or pictograms

and messages.”.

5. The manufacturers and importes of existing stocks of Transitional.

tobacco products shall be granted a grace period up to June provisions.

1, 2015, to comply with the provisions of section 34A.

6. Regulations made under section 30 read with section Savings

34 of the principal enactment prior to the date of

commencement of this Act shall, continue to be in operation

with effect from the date of commencement of this Act, in so

far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

7. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala Sinhala text to

and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. prevail in case

of inconsistency.

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