

From The Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulatory Authority:

**THE BOARD DECISION CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER CIGARETTE PAPERS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

Decision No : 13016

Decision Date : 17/05/2017

The Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulatory Authority has decided that the procedures and principles for determining whether cigarette papers to be supplied to the market are in accordance with the technical regulations of the Law on the Procedures and Principles for Cigarette Rolling Paper Production and Trade article 12, clauses three and fourteen; and to set forth the physical specifications sought per temporary article 3 of the same Regulation as explained below and to publish this Decision in the Official Gazette.

**Determining compliance with technical regulations**

**ARTICLE 1** – (1) The compliance of the products with the technical regulations shall be determined by examining the compliance of

a) Ingredients

b) Package in which it is to be presented to the market

with the regulations in this Decision and the Law on the Procedures and Principles for Cigarette Rolling Paper Production and Trade.

**Ingredients**

**ARTICLE 2** – (1) The Ingredients Declaration and Toxicology Data Tables for the cigarette paper shall be prepared according to the guidelines and tables broadcasted on the Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulatory Authority website. The name of the ingredients used in these products shall be written in Turkish with the Latin names in parentheses (if any).

(2) Sugars and / or flavoring are forbidden to be used on cigarette paper.

(3) Other than those used for lines, shapes, figures, logos and symbols of brands needed on the cigarette rolling paper or are unique to the product or distinguish the product from others or those used for legal signs/warning and those used to whiten cigarette paper, colorings are forbidden to be used in cigarette paper production.

(4) If it is determined that there is a request to use an ingredient in the cigarette rolling paper that has not passed the Scientific Committee examination the Ingredients Declaration and Toxicology Data Tables for the application are submitted to the Scientific Committee by the Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulatory Authority. The application is decided on taking into account the evaluation report prepared by the Scientific Committee.

(5) None of the following ingredients may be used in the production of the cigarette paper produced in Turkey or imported from abroad and supplied to the market, in the cigarette papers, in the ink used on the cigarette papers, in the edge adhesive and/or in the product in any way.

Order	Ingredient Name	Ingredient Record No	
1	Benzene	CAS No: 71-43-2	EC No: 200-753-7
2	Methylene Chloride	CAS No: 75-09-2	EC No: 200-838-9
3	Tetrachloroethylene	CAS No: 127-18-4	EC No: 204825-9
4	Glyoxal	CAS No: 107-22-2	EC No: 203-474-9
5	Mineral oil	CAS No: 64742-13-8	EC No: 265-113-1
6	Heavy, light naphthenic processed with hydrogen	CAS No: 64742-52-5 CAS No: 64742-53-6	EC No: 265-155-0

(6) In order to inform the consumer, the Authority shall present the ingredients provided per this article to the public's information being careful to protect the product formula that is a trade secret.

### **Package for supplying to the market**

**ARTICLE 3-**(1) The general warning to be applied on the unit packages of cigarette papers shall be placed on the widest front surface of the package. The general warning, along with its black border, must cover sixty five percent (65%) of the unit package on which it is printed.

(2) General warning text;

a) Must be on a white background in dark black Helvetica font. The font size should be set to a size that will cover the most area that is devoted to the warning text.

b) Other than the first letter the text is written in lower case.

c) It must be centered in the field that is designated for it and parallel with the packet edge.

ç) It must be framed with a black line that is no less than 1 mm no more than 2 mm, that does not make the warning illegible or confused with any other declarations.

d) It must be written in Turkish.

e) It must not be written on the banderole, stamp or similar additions. The writing must be printed as permanent and inerasable, must not be divided by, hidden by or obstructed by other pictures or writings or the package opening.

f) The most visible wide outer surface shall mean the surface on which the packet is opened on front opening packets and any one of the most visible surfaces on other packets.

(3) The required health warnings that must be on groups of cigarette rolling paper are applied in the framework of procedures and principles specified for tobacco product unit packets in the Regulation on Procedures and Principles Concerning the Form of Production to Protect Against the Harmfulness of Tobacco Products, Labeling and Inspecting. Labels are affixed on transparent groups on the condition of not covering general warnings. At a minimum the brand, production place and date, distinguishing phrase, amount and barcode is included on the label. On the cardboard groups, in addition to coding and similar markings, the production place and time in month and year format are clearly written.

(4) Visibly on the outer packaging, opening strip, inner packaging and the cigarette rolling paper there shall be no misguiding or incomplete information about the features of the product, it's effects on health, dangers or emissions; no text, name, brand, phrase, picture, figure, symbol or color or combination of colors shall be used that imply the product is less harmful than others, that encourages consumption or misguides the consumer or makes the product attractive.

(5) The procedures and principles that were set forth in the Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulatory Authority decision 7055 dated 12/11/2012 also apply to cigarette rolling paper.

### **Physical features**

**ARTICLE 4 –** (1) The physical features sought for cigarette rolling paper: “The cigarette rolling paper length (mm), cigarette rolling paper width (mm) and cigarette rolling paper weight (g/m<sup>2</sup>)”.

### **Products intended for export**

**ARTICLE 5 –** (1) The cigarette rolling paper produced in Turkey for the purpose of export are not considered in the scope of this Decision.

### **Enforcement**

**ARTICLE 6 -** (1) This Regulation goes into force as of the date that it is published.

**ARTICLE 7 –** (1) This Regulation is executed by the President of the Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulation Agency.