NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology (ESMA)**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:** Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology (ESMA)P O Box: 2166Abu DhabiUnited Arab EmiratesTel.: (+971) 2 403 2613Fax: (+971) 2 671 0999Email: uaetbt@esma.gov.aeWebsite: <http://www.esma.gov.ae> |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment (ICS 65.160) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft of the UAE GCC Technical Regulation "Electronic Nicotine Products (Equivalents of Traditional Tobacco Products)" (19 page(s), in Arabic) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft of GCC technical regulation is concerned with the requirements of electronic nicotine products which are designed in the form of traditional tobacco products such as (cigarettes, cigar, pipe, cigarillo or hookah), which includes the following products:* Electronic vape products which do not contain tobacco (and may or may not contain nicotine) and their refill packages, e.g. e-liquid containers.
* Heated tobacco products that contain tobacco (processed or unprocessed) which is heated by an electronic device (without combustion).

It also specifies the requirements for importing, manufacturing, packing, displaying and trading, and weights and descriptive data on their labels but does not include any products that are consumed through lighting and smoking with combustion or any products that contain nicotine such as nicotine patches and tobacco products which are consumed orally.  |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** - |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** NA**Proposed date of entry into force:** NA |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 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:** Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology (ESMA)UAE TBT Enquiry PointTel.: (+971) 2 403 2657Fax: (+971) 2 671 5999E-mail: uaetbt@esma.gov.aeWebsite: <http://www.esma.gov.ae>  |