NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Canada  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** Government of British Columbia |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** British Columbia Ministry of Health  **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:**  Ministry of Health Government of British Columbia Mailing Address: PO Box 9646  STN PROV GOVT Victoria (British Colombia) V8W 9P1 Canada  Tel: +1 250 952-1731  Fax: + 1 250 952-1021  Email: [vaping.info@gov.bc.ca](mailto:vaping.info@gov.bc.ca) |
| **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):** Vapour products (code SH 8543.70); Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment (ICS 65.160) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** E-Substances Regulation (11 pages, in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The new E-Substances Regulation ('the ESR') has been introduced as part of a multi-pronged effort to address the increase in youth vaping in British Columbia, Canada and to protect users from the potential harms associated with use of vapour products.  Under the [E-Substances Regulation](https://www.bclaws.ca/) the following will now be health hazards:   * E-substances that contain non-therapeutic nicotine * E-substances that do not contain nicotine, nicotine salts or cannabis   Under the E-Substances Regulation, the sale of these health hazards is a regulated activity. The ESR introduces new requirements that are placed on retailers, restricting the sale and distribution of certain vapour products, places restrictions on the strength of nicotine contained in e-substances, implements packaging and labelling requirements for the goods and establishes reporting requirements. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The objective of this measure is to control the sale of certain vapour products and limit the hazardous health impacts associated with vaping. The new regulatory requirements were developed after public consultation, to address an alarming increase of vaping in the youth population and in response to health and safety issues emerging in 2019. The ESR enhances existing regulatory measures in place which prevent youth from accessing, using or being enticed by these products; places restrictions on the strength of nicotine that can be sold in e-substances, in addition to other measures which restrict the types of products that retailers can sell; and is designed to be proactive and combat the potential for widespread vaping related illness through increasing the oversight of products and retailers by way of regulations; Other |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  <https://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/186_2020> (English) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 20 July 2020  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 20 July 2020; (with a transition period with respect to some provisions until 15 September 2020). |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** Not applicable |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  The electronic version of the regulations can be downloaded at:  <https://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/186_2020> |