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DIRECTORATE FOR ADDRESSING ADDICTIONS AND DEPENDENCIES
UNIT B' - OTHER DEPENDENCIES

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SUBJECT: "Information on the payment of electronic administrative fees of Law 4419/2016 on the notification of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes".

Having regard to: The provisions of articles 5, 18, 21 and 25 of Law 4419/2016 (Government Gazette A' 174), as in force.

In the context of implementing Law 4419/2016, which transposed Directive 2014/40/EU into the Greek legal framework and regarding the conditions for the circulation of tobacco products and related products, the following are notified for the information of those obliged:

According to the provisions of articles 5, 18 and 25 par. 1 of Law 4419/2016, the manufacturers or importers of both tobacco products and electronic cigarettes, which are notified in the domestic market, through the EU Common Entry Gate (EU CEG), must pay a fee of 50 euros (€) per product or its' modification, for the receipt, storage, handling, analysis and publication of the information required by law.

In relation to the above, the following fees have been incorporated in the electronic application e-paravolo of the General Secretariat of Information Systems (<a href="https://www.gsis.gr/e-paravolo">https://www.gsis.gr/e-paravolo</a>):

- a. Administrative fee for the receipt, storage, handling of information on tobacco products per product and code (product-id).
- b. Administrative fee for the receipt, storage, handling of information on electronic cigarettes per product and code (product-id).

Administrative fees for the receipt, storage, handling of information on tobacco products and electronic cigarettes per product and code (product-id), as notified at the EU Common Gateway (EU CEG).

The obligation to pay the fees worth fifty euros (50 €) is borne by either the manufacturers or the importers of each product and in any case can be carried out through a cooperating representative or body, according to the instructions provided herein. This obligation applies for each submitted product on a case-by-case basis, or for its' substantial modification, as notified in **EU CEG** and per product code (product-id). The obligation is borne by the person liable for each product that is declared as active in the Greek market, at the time of its notification in **EU CEG**, whether it will be released in the future or is already available on the market, based on the declared release date (Launch Date). There is no

obligation to pay a fee for those products that have been notified but are currently declared inactive in the domestic market circulation (inactive).

For the payment of each required fee, a deadline of forty (40) days is set from the notification of the present to the obliged parties for all products already in circulation in the Greek market and thirty (30) days from the notification of each new product henceforth. In case of non-compliance within the set deadlines, both tobacco products and electronic cigarettes of Law 4419/2016 cannot be marketed in the Greek market and therefore the procedures and sanctions provided by law are followed.

With the activation of the electronic payment, the manufacturers and importers of any product that has been declared as active, but is not available for circulation in the domestic market, should withdraw it, if the notification obligations provided by the provisions of law 4419/2016 are not observed. (Government Gazette A'147).

## **Issuance of Fees**

The issuance of each fee is made on the website of the General Secretariat of Information Systems (<a href="https://www.gsis.gr/e-paravolo">https://www.gsis.gr/e-paravolo</a>) through the application "e-paravolo". On this website, the obliged parties are given the opportunity to choose among three different ways of entering the application, depending on their status:

- a) Login for certified users of TAXISnet
- b) Login for non-certified users of TAXISnet and
- c) Entry for foreign companies that do not have VAT in Greece.

After the debtor selects the entry that corresponds to his case, then selects "Payment Grant" and gains access to the application, where the debtor is asked to fill in the relevant form with the type of fee (Institution / Category /Type). By selecting the type of fee, the amount required by law is displayed respectively for certification. The debtor then fills in all the required fields for each case (VAT number if any, Name or Surname of the Institution, Contact details, etc.).

Special attention should be paid to the field "Additional information" (or "Additional information /Country of origin" for foreign companies), where the product ID (in EU-CEG) and brand name of the product for which each fee is paid should be filled, as well as the name of the company as declared in EU CEG, for the most efficient search and certification of payment for each product by the competent Service.

By completing the information required in each field, the obliged party prints the fee and proceeds to its payment.

## **Payment methods**

The payment of the fee, in each case, can be done in three ways:

- In banks that support on-line payment, in which case the fee will be available immediately for submission to the competent Service (direct payment).

- Using a credit / prepaid / debit card issued by Hellenic Banks through the website of the GSIS, in which case the fee will be available immediately for submission to the competent Service (it concerns Certified Users of TAXISnet).
- In banks that do not support an online payment and in Hellenic Post Office ELTA, in which case the fee will be available after 1-2 working days from the date of payment for submission to the competent Service (deferred payment).

In addition, in case of payment of e-paravolo from a foreign bank, a transfer of capital must be made through the single euro payments area SEPA. In this case, e-paravolo is available after the completion of the capital transfer. The deposit must be made: In the account with **IBAN**:

**GR1201000230000000481090510** and Name of the Beneficiary: **Ministry of Finance**, Beneficiary Address: 10, Kar. Servias Str., 10562 Athens, while in the reason for payment-remittance information, only the payment code (20 digits) should be mentioned. A relevant template can be found in the following link: <a href="http://www.gsis.gr/sites/default/files/2018-11/SEPA.pdf">http://www.gsis.gr/sites/default/files/2018-11/SEPA.pdf</a>

The printed fee, according to the specific instructions, should be submitted to the competent Service (Directorate for Addressing Addictions and Dependencies, 19 Aristotelous Str, PC: 10433, Athens, 1st floor, email: exartiseis\_b@moh.gov.gr) only when it has been paid.

For any clarification on the procedures, any interested party can contact the phone numbers: +30 2132161424, 2132161338 and 2132161544, as well as visit the respective link of the General Secretariat of Information Systems (Instructions for Issuance of Electronic Payments).

Relevant instructions (in Greek and English) will soon be posted on the website of the Ministry of Health (<a href="www.moh.gov.gr">www.moh.gov.gr</a>) and will be transmitted via electronic mail to the bodies that have notified the respective products at EU CEG, based on the e-mail addresses they have submitted to the EU CEG.

The activation date of the electronic fees mentioned above is set at 1.2.2021.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH

**ZOI RAPTI** 

## **TABLE OF RECIPIENTS**

- Independent Public Revenue Authority (A.A.D.E.)
   General Directorate of Customs and VAT
  - a) Directorate E.F.K. and VAT Kifisias 124, PC 115 26, Athens

- b) Directorate of Customs Procedures Kifissias 124, PC 115 26, Athens
- Independent Public Revenue Authority (A.A.D.E.)
   General Directorate of Tax Administration
   Indirect Taxation Implementation Directorate
   Sina 2-4, PC 10672, Athens
- 3. Independent Public Revenue Authority (A.A.D.E.) General State Chemistry (GCC) Directorate of Energy and Industrial Products An. Tsoha 16, PC 115 21, Athens
- Independent Public Revenue Authority (A.A.D.E.)
   General State Chemist (GCC)
   Chemical Service of Serres
   Terma Andros, PC 62125, Serres
- 5. Ministry of Finance Nikis 5-7, PO Box 10563, Athens
- Independent Public Revenue Authority (A.A.D.E.)
   Governor's Office
   Karageorgi Serbias 10, PC 10184, Athens
- 7. Ministry of Interior Stadiou 27, PC10183, Athens
- Ministry of Development & Investment General Secretariat of Industry Kanigos Square 20, PC 10200, Athens
- All the Regions of the territory, through their Decentralized Administrations (with the obligation to inform the competent services of trade and health services of their regional units)
  - a. Decentralized Administration of Attica Katehaki 56, PC 11525, Athens
  - b. Decentralized Administration of Thessaly Central Greece Socratous 111, PC 41336, Larissa
  - c. Decentralized Administration of Epirus Western Macedonia North Epirou 20, PC 45445, Ioannina
  - d. Decentralized Administration of the Peloponnese Western Greece Ioanian Sea N. National Road Patras Athens 158, PC 26442, Patras
  - e. Decentralized Administration of the Aegean Sea Botsari 2-8, PC 185 38 Pereaus
  - f. Decentralized Administration of Crete
     Kountourioti Square PC 71202 Herakleion Crete

- g. Decentralized Administration of Macedonia Thrace Taki Oikonomidi – Prof. Rossidou 11, PC 54655 Thessaloniki
- h. National Transparency Authority
- Lenorman 195 and Amfiaraou,

Postal code 10442, Athens

- (Former Body of Inspectors of Health and Welfare Services (SEYYP),

Public Health and Mental Health Control Sector)

Piraeus 205, PC 11853 Athens

10. Association of Hellenic Tobacco Industries,

Panepistimiou 6, PC 10671, Athens

11. Association of Greek Vaporization Products Companies (SEEPA) 3rd September 144, PC 11251, Athens

12. Hellenic Association of Tobacco Companies of Europe (E.Σ.K.E.E.) Agiasou 45, PC 15235, Vrilissia

- 13. Papastratos Philip Morris International Imeros place, Kororemi location, 19300, Aspropyrgos, Attica
- 14. British American Tobacco St. Thoma 27, PC 15124, Marousi
- 15. Institute of Public Health Epitou 17B, PC10557, Athens
- 16. Hellenic Anticancer Society
  An. Tsoha 18-20, PC 11521, Athens

## **Internal - Electronic Distribution**

- 1. Office of the Minister of Health
- 2. Office of the Deputy Minister of Health
- 3. Office of the Secretary General of Public Health
- 4. Office of the Head of the General Directorate of Public Health & Quality of Life
- 5. Directorate for Addressing Addictions and Dependencies, Unit B- Other Dependencies