

# REFILL MECHANISM OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES (SAFETY REQUIREMENTS)

## **SCOPE**

Technical requirements for filling mechanisms for electronic smoking devices to be filled with a filling tank

## **LATVIAN REGULATIONS**

Cabinet Regulation No.441, adopted July 14, 2020 "[Technical Standards for the Filling Mechanism of Electronic Smoking Devices](#)"

## **PRIOR AUTHORISATION**

Electronic cigarettes and refill containers of electronic cigarettes are a subject to prior authorisation.

A merchant who is engaged in selling electronic cigarettes and refill containers, shall notify the Health Inspectorate regarding commencing selling of such products prior to commencing it. The procedures by which a merchant shall notify the Health Inspectorate prior to commencing selling of electronic cigarettes and refill containers of electronic cigarettes shall be determined by the Cabinet Regulation No.593, adopted September 6, 2016 "[Procedures by which an Economic Operator Notifies of the Commencement of Trade of Electronic Cigarettes and Refill Containers of Electronic Cigarettes](#)", which includes Application on the Commencement of Trade of Electronic Cigarettes and Refill Containers of Electronic Cigarettes.

Competent authority responsible for prior authorisation is Health Inspectorate (consumer helpline: +371 67081600, e-mail: [vi@vi.gov.lv](mailto:vi@vi.gov.lv)).

## **CONTACTS**

### **AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATIONS**

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### **MARKET SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY**

The Health Inspectorate

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**Responsible for inappropriate advertising:**

Consumer Rights Protection Centre

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**Responsible for smoking restrictions:**

The State Policy

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**MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC OPERATORS**

The filling mechanism of an electronic smoking device shall meet one of the following conditions:

- 1) refill mechanism entails the use of a refill container possessing a securely attached at least 9 millimetres long nozzle which slots comfortably into the opening of the tank of the respective electronic smoking device and is narrower than the respective opening of the tank, and possessing a flow control mechanism that emits no more than 20 drops of nicotine-containing or nicotine-free liquid per minute when placed vertically and subjected to atmospheric pressure at 20 °C ( $\pm 5$  °C);
- 2) the refill mechanism operates by means of a special connection system (docking system) which releases nicotine-containing or nicotine-free liquid from the refill container into the tank of the refillable electronic smoking device only when the refill container and electronic smoking device are connected.

The instructions for use must meet the following conditions:

- 1) the width of the filler cap or the width of the tank opening shall be indicated in the accompanying instructions with schematic drawings;
- 2) if the refill mechanism of a refillable electronic smoking device operates by means of a special connection system (docking system), the types of special connection system (docking system) with which the respective device and the refill container are compatible shall be specified in the attached instructions for use with schematic presentations.

**REGISTER OF SALES POINTS**

Register of sales points is the competence of the State Revenue Service