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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: State Tobacco Monopoly Administration of China Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
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): Cigarette ICS: 65.160
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Circular of State Tobacco Monopoly Administration of China on modifying requirements for the tar limit in cigarette mainstream smoke. (2 pages, in Chinese)
6.	Description of content: It is decided that all cigarettes produced after 1 July 2004, with the tar content in the mainstream of smoke labelled on packages of cigarettes is more than 15mg/piece, are not allowed to be sold on domestic market. This decision is applied to imported cigarettes equally.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: For the protection of consumer health.
8.	Relevant documents: Nation Standard of P.R.C. GB 5606.5-1996 Cigarettes-Mainstream smoke and chemical technical specification of cut tobacco
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 9 January 2004 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2004
10.	Final date for comments: Not Applicable
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: China WTO/TBT National Enquiry Point Tel: +86 10 82260618 Fax: +86 10 82262448 E-mail: tbt@aqsiq.gov.cn