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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Consultation on New Regulations for Tobacco Bill (Part 1)

The Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill successfully completed its passage through the Branches of Tynwald at the end of June 2015 and is now awaiting Royal Assent. It is hoped that the Amendment Act will be announced in Tynwald before the end of this year.

In association with the amended Act, the Department of Health and Social Care is progressing new Regulations under part 1 of the Act and would like to seek your comments.

The new Regulations can essentially be broken down into 3 parts:

- 1) Displays of tobacco products;
- 2) Displays of price lists; and
- 3) Brandsharing.

These are described in more detail in the consultation document.

We would like to thank everyone who responded to the initial consultation on the Bill. Your feedback indicated that local tobacco retailers required more time to make adjustments to their tobacco displays once legislation was approved. For this reason, once we have considered all of the responses to this consultation, we are allowing 6 months after the date of approval by Tynwald for the Regulations to come into effect. It is intended that the final version of the Regulations will be approved by the end of this year. Please find attached a copy of a public consultation document about the regulations which should give you all of the information you need to respond.

Thank you for taking the time to review these regulations. Please **submit any comments in writing by Monday 28 September.** If you have any questions about the content, please contact me on Colin.Brew@gov.im

Once we have collated your responses, and the final version of the Regulations is approved by Tynwald, the Department will hold a presentation for local tobacco retailers and relevant stakeholders to explain how to plan ahead to implement the new laws.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures

Draft Tobacco Control Regulations 2015 Public Consultation: Draft Tobacco Control Regulations 2015

Electronic copies of this consultation are available at:

Isle of Man Government - Government Consultations

Or:

http://www.gov.im/consultations.gov

The Bill can be viewed at:

http://www.tynwald.org.im/business/bills/Bills/Public_Health_(Tobacco)_(Amendme_nt)_Bill_2015.pdf

The original Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2006 can be viewed at: http://www.legislation.gov.im/cms/images/LEGISLATION/PRINCIPAL/2006/2006-0019/PublicHealthTobaccoAct2006_2.pdf