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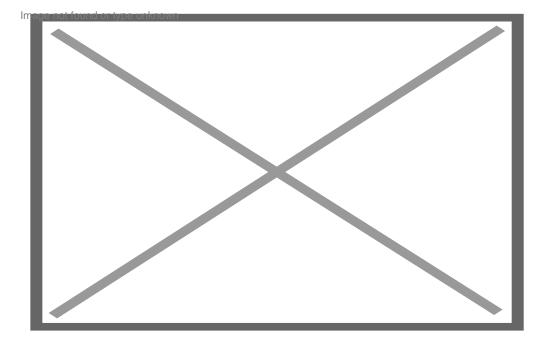
Turkey Extends Items Banned from Use in Manufacturing Tobacco Products

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Turkey's Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulatory Authority ("**Authority**") has updated the items which are prohibited from being used when manufacturing tobacco products. Manufacturers which are currently using the newly prohibited items must apply to the Authority, stating that non-compliant products will now be produced in line with the new rules. If no application is made by 31 October 2016, the related product's Market Conformity Certificate will be cancelled.

The substances indicated in the table below are now prohibited during production of tobacco products which will be placed in the Turkish market, as well as production of the raw materials extracted from tobacco plants. The ban includes production of:

- Cigarette papers and additives.
- Edge binding gums.
- Ink on cigarette papers.
- Filtration substances.
- Filter papers and adhesives.
- Adhesives, adhesive inks and gums.



The Board Decision Regarding Changes on the Board Decision on Evaluation of the Data in Input Notifications and Toxicological Data Tables dated 22 June 2016 and numbered 11499 was published in Official Gazette number 29784 on 28 July 2016, entering into force on the same date. Please see this link for full text of The Board Decision (only available in Turkish).

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