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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. Notifying Member: <u>VIET NAM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: The Ministry of Health Department of Science and Training 138A Giang Vo Street Ba Dinh District Ha Noi Viet Nam Tel.: (84-4) 62732273 Fax: 38464051 E-mail: byt@moh.gov.vn Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website 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): Tobacco Products
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Joint Ministerial Circular of Ministry of Health and Ministry of Industry and Trade on the labelling and printing of the health warnings on the packet of tobacco products (8 pages, in Vietnamese and English).
6. Description of content: In 18 June 2013, the National Assembly issued the Tobacco Control Law. This is the first and comprehensive legal document on Tobacco Control work in Vietnam. Pursuing to the Article 15 of Law, Tobacco products manufactured in or imported into Vietnam for consumption shall be labeled and printed with the health warnings. The Minister of Health to take prime responsibility and collaborate with the Minister of Industry and Trade to issue detailed regulations on this issue. Thereof, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Industry and Trade has drafted this Circular. It regulates labeling and printing of the health warnings on the packet of tobacco that are manufactured and imported for consumption in Viet Nam. Both domestic and foreign entities and individuals who do and participate in the business of tobacco products in the territory of Viet Nam shall comply with the regulations of this Circular.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health.

8.	Relevant documents:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control; - Law No 09/2012/QH13 dated 18 June 2012 on prevention and control of tobacco harms; - Government Decree No 89/2006/ND-CP dated 30 August 2006 on goods labelling. 	
9.	Proposed date of adoption:	Not determined
	Proposed date of entry into force:	1 May 2013
10.	Final date for comments:	60 days from the date of notification
11.	Text available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: The Ministry of Health Department of Science and Training 138A Giang Vo Street Ba Dinh District Ha Noi Viet Nam Tel.: (84-4) 62732273 Fax: (84-4) 38464051 E-mail: byt@moh.gov.vn or available at: http://www.tbtvn.org/Ti%20liu%20upload%20cho%20QCKT/QCKT/text_VNM26.rar	