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## Public Notice 476 – Tobacco Products Duty Section 14 and Annex A

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### Message

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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#### 2. Member State

United Kingdom.

#### 3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

#### 3. Originating Department

HM Customs and Excise

#### 4. Notification Number

2002/246/UK - X00M

#### 5. Title

Public Notice 476 – Tobacco Products Duty Section 14 and Annex A



## 6. Products Concerned

Cigarettes and hand-rolling tobacco, other than hand-rolling tobacco intended for retail sale in loose form that is supplied by the manufacturer or importer in packets that each contain not less than 500 grams.

## 7. Notification Under Another Act

Not applicable.

## 8. Main Content

The Tobacco Products Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/1712) (notified under reference 2001/0065/UK) provide the machinery for administering the excise duty on tobacco products charged by section 2 of the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1979. They also regulate the circumstances in which tobacco products are required to carry fiscal marks and related matters.

The actual specification of the mark is contained in an associated Public Notice, namely section 14 and Annex A of Notice 476 Tobacco Products Duty. The Annex prescribes the location, appearance and content of the mark.

The specification for the mark is being revised. This restricts the colours which can be used for the mark to black and white, and the font type. The revision states the dates from which these changes are to take effect. The UK will fulfil its obligations under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when the revised Notice is officially published.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Fiscal marking relies on Article 21(1) of Directive 92/12/EEC, which permits Member States to require products released for consumption in their territory to carry tax markings used for fiscal purposes. Changes to the health warnings on tobacco products are being introduced by the UK as required by Directive 2001/37/EC. The changes to the fiscal mark mirror those changes, both as regards the requirement to use black type of a particular font on a white background and as regards the timetable for implementation.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- i. Draft Section 14 and Annex A to Public Notice 476. Changes are in italics and underlined.
- ii. Previous version of Public Notice 476 notified under reference 2001/0065/UK
- iii. Not applicable.

## 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

## 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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## 13. Confidentiality

No



#### 14. Fiscal measures

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