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§16–603. IN EFFECT

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(a) (1) Each manufacturer shall submit to the Comptroller written certification attesting that each cigarette has been tested in accordance with and has met the performance standard required under § 16–602 of this subtitle.

(2) A certification under paragraph (1) of this subsection may not list more than 50 cigarettes.

(b) The description of each cigarette listed in the certification shall include:

(1) the brand or trade name on the package;

(2) the style, such as light or ultra light;

(3) the length in millimeters;

(4) the circumference in millimeters;

(5) the flavor, such as menthol or chocolate, if applicable;

(6) whether filtered or nonfiltered;

(7) a package description, such as a soft pack or box;

(8) the mark approved in accordance with § 16–604 of this subtitle;

(9) if different from the manufacturer, the name, address, and telephone number of the laboratory that conducted the test; and

(10) the date of the testing.

(c) The certification shall be made available to:

(1) the Attorney General and the Commission for purposes consistent with this subtitle; and

(2) the Comptroller for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this section.

(d) (1) Each cigarette certified under this section shall be recertified every 3 years.

(2) If a manufacturer of a cigarette that has been certified under this section makes a change that is likely to alter the cigarette's compliance with the performance standard under § 16-602(e) of this subtitle, that cigarette may not be sold in this State until the manufacturer, in accordance with § 16-602 of this subtitle, retests and maintains the proper records of the testing.

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