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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DEPARTEMENT VAN GESONDHEID

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#### PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE TOBACCO PRODUCTS CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL, 2008

The Minister of Health intends to introduce the Tobacco Products Control Amendment Bill, 2008 in the National Assembly shortly. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance of Rule 241(1)(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly, as well as Rule 189(1)(b) of the Rules of the National Council of Provinces.

The Bill provides for:

The amendment of the Tobacco Products Control Act, 1993, so as to define certain expressions and to amend certain definitions; to provide anew for the advertising, sponsorship, promotion, distribution and information required in respect of the packaging and labelling of tobacco products; to make the standards that apply to the manufacturers of tobacco products applicable to importers of tobacco products; to prohibit the sale of tobacco products to and by persons under the age of 18 years; to extend the provisions in respect of free distribution of tobacco products; to provide anew for tobacco sales by means of vending machines; to extend the Minister's power to make regulations; to adjust the provisions in respect of offences and penalties; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Copies of the Bill can be obtained from:

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