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Submission

I hereby offer my views on the suggestion of having a bigger coverage of the prescribed form (including specifications) of the health warning and indication of tar and nicotine yields on packet or retail container of tobacco products.

From the psychological point of view, there is no correlation or evidence that the bigger coverage of the health warning and indication on the packets or retail container of tobacco products would deter addicted smokers from purchasing/consuming tobacco products, if the intention is for deterrence purposes.

Rather, It would make more sense to deter smoking by creating more inconvenience to smokers/to be smokers in terms of permitted designated areas for smoking, penalty for offenses. A heavy increase in tax imposing on tobacco products would need to be balanced against black market/illegally imported products.

In conclusion, there is no justification for the subject amendment. It would be prudent for the Government to consider other viable options in terms of deterring smoking in Hong Kong.



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