

31-604. Same; manufacturer's certification of compliance with performance standards; recertification; fee; fire safety standard and firefighter protection act enforcement fund; administration; directory of certified cigarettes; duties of attorney general. (a) Each manufacturer shall submit to the state fire marshal a written certification attesting that: (1) Each cigarette listed in the certification has been tested in accordance with K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 31-603, and amendments thereto; and (2) each cigarette listed in the certification meets the performance standard set forth in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 31-603, and amendments thereto.

(b) Each cigarette listed in the certification shall be described with the following information:

(1) Brand or trade name on the package;

(2) style, such as lights, ultra lights, or low tar;

(3) length in millimeters;

(4) circumference in millimeters;

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

(6) filter or non-filter;

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

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

(9) the date that the testing was conducted.

(c) For the purpose of compliance with this section, the state fire marshal shall accept completed certifications and make the completed certifications available to the attorney general.

(d) Each cigarette certified under this section shall be recertified every three years. Initial cigarette certifications may be made at any time. Subsequent certifications shall be made before July 31 of the subsequent certification year.

(e) Every manufacturer shall certify cigarettes within the state before the manufacturer, retail dealer, wholesale dealer or vending machine operator legally may offer a manufacturer's cigarette for sale within the state. In order to obtain and maintain a listing on the directory created under subsection (i), a manufacturer shall consent to the jurisdiction of the Kansas courts for the purpose of enforcement of this act and shall appoint a registered agent for service of process in this state and shall identify the agent to the secretary of state.

(f) For each cigarette listed in a certification, a manufacturer shall pay to the state fire marshal a fee of \$250. The state fire marshal may adjust such fee annually, by rule and regulation, to ensure that such fee defrays the actual cost of processing, testing enforcement, administration and oversight activities required by law.

(g) There is hereby established in the state treasury a separate, nonlapsing fund to be known as the fire safety standard and firefighter protection act enforcement fund which shall be administered by the state fire marshal.

(h) If a manufacturer has certified a cigarette pursuant to this section, and thereafter makes any change to such cigarette that is likely to alter its compliance with the reduced cigarette ignition propensity standards required by this act, that cigarette shall not be sold or offered for sale in this state until the manufacturer retests the cigarette in accordance with the testing standards set forth in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 31-603, and amendments thereto, and maintains records of that retesting as required by K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 31-603, and amendments thereto. Any altered cigarette which does not meet the performance standard set forth in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 31-603, and amendments thereto, may not be sold in this state.

(i) Not later than July 31, 2009, the attorney general shall develop a directory of all certified cigarettes under this act. The directory shall be updated as necessary and shall be posted on the attorney general's website. Unless a wholesale dealer, retail dealer or vending machine operator has actual knowledge that cigarettes do not comply with this act, the wholesale dealer, retail dealer or vending machine operator shall consider any cigarette listed on the directory posted on the website to be lawful to sell in this state for the purpose of compliance with this act by such wholesale dealer, retail dealer or vending machine operator.

(j) The provisions of this section shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2009.

History: L. 2008, ch. 135, § 4; July 1.