PROPOSED LAW on Amending and Revising the Law on Excise

Article 1

In the Law on Excise ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia no.s 32/2001, 50/2001 and 52/2001) in Article 28, subitem 1.1. the words "32,923 den/kg" are replaced with the words "24,396 den/lit"; in subitem 1.2. the words "29,274 den/kg" are replaced with the words "21,692 den/lit"; in subitem 2.1. the words "14,746 den/kg" are replaced with the words "12,121 den/lit"; and in subitem 2.2. the words "3,742 den/kg" are replaced with the words "3,136 den/lit".

After paragraph (1) four new paragraphs (2), (3), (4) and (5) are added and read:

- "(2) Litre under paragraph (1) of this Article shall be a litre measured on temperature of +15 °C.
- (3) Persons who can prove that they have used liquid oil gas as an additive to another mineral oil for engine power in the industry, shall be reimbursed excise tax in amount of 80% of the prescribed excise tax payable for engine power purposes.
- (4) The excise tax from paragraph 3 of this Article is reimbursed, upon request, by the Public Revenue Office.
- (5) The Minister of Finance shall prescribe in detail the procedure for reimbursement of excise tax."

Paragraphs (2) and (3) become paragraphs (6) and (7).

Article 2

After Article 42 three new articles 42a, 42b and 42c are added and read:

Article 42a Combined Excise Tax

- (1) When released for trade from excise storage, the excise tax for the following tobacco products shall be:
- 1). 1.35 den. per piece and 0% of the retail price for cigars and cigarillos as defined in Article 41 paragraph 2 of this Law;
- 2). 0.04 den. per piece and 30% of the retail price for cigarettes as defined in Article 41 paragraph 3 of this Law;

- 3). 1.350,00 den per kilogram and 0% of the retail price for tobacco for smoking considered finely chopped tobacco as defined in Article 41 paragraph 5 of this Law;
- 4). 1.350,00 den. per kilogram and 0% of the retail price for tobacco for smoking considered other tobacco for smoking as defined in Article 41 paragraph 6 of this Law;
 - (2) When importing the following tobacco products, the excise tax shall be:
- 1). 1.35 den. per piece and 0% of the retail price for cigars and cigarillos as defined in Article 41 paragraph 2 of this Law;
- 2) 1.10 den. per piece and 5% of the retail price for cigarettes as defined in Article 41 paragraph 3 of this Law;
- 3). 1.350,00 den per kilogram and 0% of the retail price for tobacco for smoking considered finely chopped tobacco as defined in Article 41 paragraph 5 of this Law;
- 4). 1.350,00 den. per kilogram and 0% of the retail price for tobacco for smoking considered other tobacco for smoking as defined in Article 41 paragraph 6 of this Law;

Article 42b Combined Excise Tax

- (1) When released for trade from excise storage, the excise tax for the following tobacco products shall be:
- 1). 1.35 den. per piece and 0% of the retail price for cigars and cigarillos as defined in Article 41 paragraph 2 of this Law;
- 2). 0.07 den. per piece and 28% of the retail price for cigarettes as defined in Article 41 paragraph 3 of this Law;
- 3). 1.350,00 den per kilogram and 0% of the retail price for tobacco for smoking considered finely chopped tobacco as defined in Article 41 paragraph 5 of this Law;
- 4). 1.350,00 den. per kilogram and 0% of the retail price for tobacco for smoking considered other tobacco for smoking as defined in Article 41 paragraph 6 of this Law;
 - (2) When importing the following tobacco products, the excise tax shall be:
- 1). 1.35 den. per piece and 0% of the retail price for cigars and cigarillos as defined in Article 41 paragraph 2 of this Law;
- 2) 0.80 den. per piece and 10% of the retail price for cigarettes as defined in Article 41 paragraph 3 of this Law;

- 3). 1.350,00 den per kilogram and 0% of the retail price for tobacco for smoking considered finely chopped tobacco as defined in Article 41 paragraph 5 of this Law;
- 4). 1.350,00 den. per kilogram and 0% of the retail price for tobacco for smoking considered other tobacco for smoking as defined in Article 41 paragraph 6 of this Law;

Article 43c Combined Excise

- (1). Excise tax for cigars and cigarillos as defined in Article 41 paragraph 2 of this Law is 1.35 den. per piece and 0% of the retail price;
- 2). Excise tax for cigarettes as defined in Article 41 paragraph 3 of this Law is 0.10 den. per piece and 26% of the retail price;
- 3). Excise tax for tobacco for smoking considered finely chopped tobacco as defined in Article 41 paragraph 5 of this Law is 1.350,00 den per kilogram and 0% of the retail price;
- 4). Excise tax for tobacco for smoking considered other tobacco for smoking as defined in Article 41 paragraph 6 of this Law is 1.350,00 den. per kilogram and 0% of the retail price;

Article 3

The provisions of Article 42 of the Law on Excise (Official Gazette of RM no.s 32/2001, 50/2001 and 52/2001) shall be applicable until 31 December 2004.

Article 4

This Law shall enter into force on the eight day of its publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia", exclusive of the provisions of Article 42a, which shall be applicable from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005, the provisions of Article 42b which shall be applicable from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006, and the provisions of Article 42c, which shall be applicable as of 1 January 2007.