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TOBACCO AND VAPORISERS CONTROL ACT 1993

TOBACCO AND VAPORISERS CONTROL (HAIR SPECIMENS AND HAIR TESTS) REGULATIONS 2026

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 37 of the Tobacco and Vaporisers Control Act 1993, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Tobacco and Vaporisers Control (Hair Specimens and Hair Tests) Regulations 2026 and come into operation on 1 May 2026.

Definition

2. In these Regulations, “enforcement officer” means —
- (a) an authorised officer appointed under section 19 of the Act;
or
 - (b) a supervising officer appointed under section 19A(2) of the Act.

Collection of hair specimens

3. Every person who is required to provide his or her hair specimens for hair tests under section 19K or 19R(5)(b) of the Act (called in

these Regulations a subject), and every enforcement officer who collects the hair specimens, must do so in accordance with the Schedule.

Hair test

4.—(1) Where a subject's hair specimens are sent to the Health Sciences Authority for a hair test, the Chief Executive must arrange for the hair specimens to be tested.

(2) The results of the hair test mentioned in paragraph (1) must be sent to the enforcement officer in charge of the subject's case.

THE SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

COLLECTION AND DELIVERY OF HAIR SPECIMENS

1. When a subject who is required to provide a specimen of his or her hair is ready to do so, the enforcement officer may procure the hair specimen from the back of the subject's head.

2. The enforcement officer who collects the hair specimen, before cutting the hair —

(a) must wear a new pair of disposable gloves; and

(b) must clean the pair of scissors, and any reusable items that may come in direct contact with the hair specimen, with alcohol.

3. The enforcement officer must first secure a tuft of hair via suitable means. The enforcement officer must then cut the hair at its roots, closest to the scalp.

4. The enforcement officer may wrap the proximal ends of the hair specimen with a small piece of foil. The enforcement officer must then continue to wrap the entire tuft of hair in another piece of foil to cover the specimen before placing it into a polymer bag.

5. The enforcement officer must enter onto an exhibit label —

(a) the subject's name;

(b) the number of the subject's National Registration Identity Card, passport or other identification document; and

(c) the date of collection of the hair specimen.

6. The subject must be allowed to check and sign the label in the presence of the enforcement officer.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

7. If the subject is unable to read, the enforcement officer must read the particulars on the label to the subject.

8. The enforcement officer must then enter any other necessary information on the label before inserting the label into the polymer bag together with the hair specimen.

9. The enforcement officer must then seal the polymer bag in the presence of the subject. The subject must be allowed to check that the polymer bag is properly sealed.

10. The hair specimen must be stored in a secure area away from other drug exhibits until it is sent to the designated submission point at the Health Sciences Authority.

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(To be presented to Parliament under section 37(4) of the Tobacco and Vaporisers Control Act 1993).