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5 May 1992 (Finland) The Provincial Government of Aland's proposal for the new tobacco law has been dealt with by the Grand Committee. The new tobacco law will be the strictest in the world. According to the Grand Committee, the selling of tobacco products to people aged over 16 is allowed, but smoking is forbidden in most public premises, including sports facilities and hospitals. In hospitals and health care centres, the personnel is not allowed to smoke, but the patients are. Smoking is also forbidden in all premises with at least two workers, unless the workers agree otherwise among themselves.

Aland, 28 April 1992, p. 20:-

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5 May 1992 (Germany) The German government is considering introducing a health charge on cigarettes, according to the designated German health minister Horst Seehofer. The chairman of the Bundestag health committee, Dieter Thoma, supports this plan and is also calling for a health charge on alcohol. The article contains no further details on these new charges planned by the new German health minister, who announced major cutbacks in the health sector.

Frankfurter Allgemeine, 4 May 1992, p.17

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5 May 1992 (Bulgaria) Bulgaria is drawing up a law on the production and distribution of tobacco. The national tobacco monopoly is to be abolished, and individual firms are to be granted permission for the purchase and processing of tobacco as well as for the sale of finished products. 160,000 people are presently employed in Bulgarian tobacco farming and 16,000 are working in the processing industry.

Die Tabak Zeitung, 24 April 1992, p.2

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5 May 1992 (Finland) The National Board of Social Welfare and the Association of Tobacco Policy, Suomen Ash, have held a meeting in Helsinki. Both regret that at present it is not possible to prevent indirect tobacco advertising in any way.

The National Board of Social Welfare would like to make recommendations concerning indirect advertising of tobacco products. Matti Ahtomies, the managing director of the Finnish Magazine Association, and Kari Hamalainen, the managing director of the Association of Advertising Agencies, expressed their hope that no restrictions would be imposed on tobacco or other advertising.

Helsingin Sanomat, 29 April 1992, p. A11

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5 May 1992 (UK) Two firms currently producing the nicotine patch as an anti-smoking medication in the US have applied to the British government to market the patch in the UK. Ciba Geigy, whose product is called Habitol, and Marion Merrell Dow hope to receive approval for their plans later in the year.

Daily Express, 5 May 1992, p.22:-

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