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Ministry of Industry and Commerce

Decision No. (38) of 2013
Concerning Banning of Importation, Distribution or Selling of E-Cigarettes

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,

After perusal of:

Law No. (3) of 1975 concerning the Public Health and its amendments;

Decree- Law No. (10) of 1992 concerning the Commercial Agency and its amendments;

The GCC Unified Customs system (Law) issued pursuant to Decree-law No. (10) of 2002;

Law No. (8) of 2009 concerning Combating of Smoking and Tobacco with all its types, and Article (11) thereof in particular;

Decision No. 7/70 concerning Combating of Smoking issued by the GCC Ministers of Health in Conference number (70) held on 2 February 2012 in Qatar, especially Article (3) thereof related to the Total Ban of E-cigarettes in the GCC;

Based on the recommendations of the National Committee to Control Smoking and Tobacco with all its types and products;

For the sake of the Public Interest; and

Based on the submission by the Deputy Minister of Commercial Affairs,

Decided the follows:

Article (1)

Importation, distribution or selling of e-cigarettes shall be banned in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Article (2)

Anyone who violates the provisions of this decision shall be punished according to the punishments set out in Article (20) of Clause (3) of Law No. (8) for the year 2009 concerning Combating of Smoking and Tobacco with all its types.

Article (3)

The Deputy Minister for Commercial Affairs and the designated bodies in the Kingdom of Bahrain – each in the capacity thereof – shall put this decision into force, and it shall be applied the day next to the date it is published in the Official Gazette.

Minister of Industry and Commerce
Dr. Hassan Abdulla Fakhro

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