

**BHUTAN NARCOTIC CONTROL AGENCY
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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This is to notify all concerned that the **Tobacco Control Amendment Act 2012** has come into effective with immediate effect. In this regard, BNCA would like to notify all concerned on the following.

1. As per the **Section 12** of the Act, A person may import tobacco and tobacco products for personal consumption with a maximum quantity in a month as follows:
 - a) **300 sticks of cigarettes; or**
 - b) **400 sticks of Bidis; or**
 - c) **50 pieces of cigarette; or**
 - d) **250 grams of other tobacco and tobacco products**
2. As per the **Section 11(b) and Section 50 of the Act**, any person who is found cultivating , harvesting, manufacture, sell or distribution of tobacco and tobacco products shall be liable for fourth degree felony.
3. As per the **Section 11 (C) and Section 51 of the Act**, "Any person who is found buying tobacco and tobacco products within Bhutan shall be punished with misdemeanor and if tobacco and tobacco product is more than four times the permissible quantity, he or she shall be punished with felony of fourth degree as per the Penal Code of Bhutan"
4. As per **Section 51A of the Act**, Any person who possesses tobacco and tobacco products without proof of tax and duty payments shall be liable for:
 - a. **Nu.10,000** if he or she possesses tobacco or tobacco products within the permissible quantity;
 - b. Punished with petty misdemeanor as per the Penal Code of Bhutan if he or she possesses tobacco or tobacco products beyond the permissible quantity but less than three times the permissible quantity;
 - c. Punished with misdemeanor as per the Penal Code of Bhutan if he or she possesses tobacco or tobacco products more than three times but less or equal to four times the permissible quantity; or
 - d. Punished with felony of fourth degree if he or she possesses tobacco or tobacco products more than four times the permissible quantity".
5. As per the **Section 54(B) of the Act**, "A person who is in possession of tobacco or tobacco product at authorized port of entry shall not be liable to be punished under this Act, if he or she has not crossed the authorized port of entry."

Director General