

DECISION
ON
MEASURES TO BAN IMPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, SALE,
ADVERTISEMENT, USE, POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, AND STORAGE
OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES AND SUBSTANCES AND SHISHA

In line with the Royal Government's First Stage Pentagon Strategy to develop high-quality and healthy human capital—individuals who are strong and active assets in advancing economic and cultural values and fostering innovation to ensure long-term sustainable growth and socio-economic development. The Royal Government has recently observed the widespread use of electronic smoking devices, substances, and shisha, which has negatively affected public health, social order, and the wellbeing of teachers and students. The use of these products has spread among children and youth in the Kingdom of Cambodia, potentially serving as a gateway to the use of other illegal drugs, since electronic cigarettes and heated tobacco products can also be used to inhale such substances. Additionally, these products may lead to addiction to nicotine and increase the likelihood of smoking traditional cigarettes, thereby contributing to a rise in non-communicable diseases.

In order to prevent and address these problems in a timely manner, and to maintain social order as well as protect public health, including the health of teachers and students, it is necessary for the Royal Government to implement the following strict measures:

1. Prohibit the importation, distribution, sale, advertisement, use, possession, manufacture, and storage of all types and forms of electronic smoking devices, substances, and shisha, by any means.
2. The Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Economy and Finance, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication, shall take measures to prevent importation, distribution, sale, advertisement, use, possession, manufacture, and storage of all types and forms of electronic smoking devices, substances.
3. The Ministry of Health shall issue regulations to educate the public and disseminate information on the harms of using electronic smoking devices, substances, and shisha
4. The Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sport shall issue regulations to educate and prevent the use of electronic smoking devices, substances, and shisha, and strictly prohibit the use of these products within and around public and private educational institutions, teacher training

centers, dormitories, community learning centers, physical exercise and sports training venues, and sports arenas.

5. All ministries, institutions, and sub-national administrations shall take measures to educate, disseminate, prevent importation, distribution, sale, advertisement, use, possession, manufacture, and storage of all types and forms of electronic smoking devices, substances in there territories.
6. All ministries, institutions, and sub-national administrations shall enhance and regularly monitor the use of electronic smoking devices, substances, and shisha—or any affiliation with them—among civil servants, police officials, military personnel, and contracted staff under their supervision.
7. All ministries, institutions, and sub-national administrations shall take actions against any individual who uses and/or possesses electronic smoking devices and substances, and shisha, and warn verbally, as well as confiscate electronic smoking devices and substances, and shisha. In case of breach, written warning and signing stop-to-use contract shall be applied.
8. All ministries, institutions, and sub-national administrations shall measures, in line with their law and legislation, on individual who distributes, sells, stores, advertises and/or imports electronic smoking devices, substances, and shisha in any mean by imposing written warning, revocation and suspension of the registered bussiness certification, license or bussiness letter permission issued by relevant ministries, institutions, and authorities.
9. All ministries, institutions, and sub-national administrations shall impose administrative penalties on civil servants, police officials, military personnel, and contracted staff under their supervision who use, or are affiliated with, electronic smoking devices, substances, or shisha.

All ministries, institutions, capital and provincial administrations or competent authorities shall implement, most strictly and most effective this, decision.

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Prime Minster

Samdech Moha Boverathipati Hun Manet

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- Ministry of Royal Palace
- Council of Ministers
- General Secretariat of the Constitutional Council
- General Secretariat of the Senate
- General Secretariat of the National Assembly
- All ministries and institutions
- Cabinet of Samdech Moha Boverathipati Prime Minister
- Cabinet of H.E deputy prime minister
- Capital and provincial administrations
- Roval Gazettes