

L.N. 98 of 2026

**Smoking (Public Health) (Prescribed Information)  
(Amendment) Order 2026**

(Made by the Secretary for Health under section 18(2) of the Smoking  
(Public Health) Ordinance (Cap. 371))

**1. Commencement**

This Order comes into operation on 1 March 2027.

**2. Smoking (Public Health) (Prescribed Information) Order  
amended**

The Smoking (Public Health) (Prescribed Information) Order  
(Cap. 371 sub. leg. B) is amended as set out in sections 3 to 10.

**3. Paragraph 2A amended (interpretation)**

(1) Paragraph 2A(1)—

**Repeal the definition of *specified seal*.**

(2) Paragraph 2A(1)—

**Add in alphabetical order**

**“*specified cigar* (指明雪茄) means a cigar—**

- (a) that, at its thickest spot, has a diameter of 10 mm or below; or
- (b) the weight (excluding any mouthpiece) of which does not exceed 1.4 grams;”.

(3) Paragraph 2A—

**Repeal subparagraph (2).**

(4) At the end of paragraph 2A—

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“(3) For the purposes of this Order, an adhesive label is one attached firmly to a container so as not to be easily removable if because of its robustness and adhesiveness it can stay, in the absence of intentional removal, so attached throughout the normal handling of the container.”.

**4. Paragraph 3 amended (health warning and indication of tar and nicotine yields on packet or retail container of cigarettes)**

(1) Paragraph 3—

**Repeal subparagraph (3).**

(2) Paragraph 3(4)—

**Repeal sub-subparagraph (a)**

**Substitute**

“(a) it must conform to—

(i) for a packet—version A of one of the forms prescribed in Part 2 of the Schedule; and

(ii) for a container—version A or version B of one of the forms prescribed in Part 2 of the Schedule;”.

(3) Paragraph 3(4)(b)—

**Repeal**

“appear”

**Substitute**

“be printed”.

(4) Paragraph 3(4)—

**Repeal sub-subparagraph (c)**

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“(c) for a container that has more than 2 largest surfaces, the warning must be printed on any 2 of those surfaces whose inner sides are opposite to each other;”.

(5) Paragraph 3(4)(d)—

**Repeal**

“bear”

**Substitute**

“be printed”.

(6) Paragraph 3(4)(d)—

**Repeal**

“of version A, version B or version C”.

(7) Paragraph 3(4)(e)—

**Repeal**

“appears.”

**Substitute**

“is printed;”.

(8) After paragraph 3(4)(e)—

**Add**

“(f) for a packet—

(i) the Chinese version of the warning must be printed on the largest surface on the front of the packet at which the flip-top lid of the packet is not hinged; and

(ii) the English version of the same warning must—

(A) be printed on the largest surface on the back of the packet at which the flip-top lid of the packet is hinged; and

(B) be positioned to meet the bottom edge of the packet.”.

(9) Paragraph 3—

**Repeal subparagraph (5).**

(10) Paragraph 3(6)—

**Repeal**

“subparagraphs (4)(a) and (5)(a)”

**Substitute**

“subparagraph (4)(a)”.

(11) Paragraph 3(6)—

**Repeal**

“or 2A”.

(12) Paragraph 3(6)—

**Repeal**

“appear”

**Substitute**

“be printed”.

(13) Paragraph 3(8)—

**Repeal**

“appearing”

**Substitute**

“printed”.

(14) Paragraph 3—

**Repeal subparagraphs (8A) and (9).**

**5. Paragraph 4A amended (health warning on retail container of cigar, pipe tobacco or cigarette tobacco (other than retail container containing one cigar))**

- (1) Paragraph 4A, heading, before “**containing**”—

**Add**

**“of specified cigar or”.**

- (2) Paragraph 4A(1)—

**Repeal**

everything after “this”

**Substitute**

“paragraph—

- (a) subject to sub-subparagraph (b), applies to any retail container of any cigar, pipe tobacco or cigarette tobacco; but
- (b) does not apply to—
  - (i) any retail container of specified cigar; or
  - (ii) any retail container containing one cigar (other than specified cigar).”.

- (3) Paragraph 4A—

**Repeal subparagraph (3)**

**Substitute**

“(3) The health warning must—

- (a) be printed on the container; or
- (b) appear on an adhesive label attached firmly to the container so as not to be easily removable.”.

- (4) Paragraph 4A(4)(a), English text—

**Repeal**

“either”.

- (5) Paragraph 4A(6)(a)—  
**Repeal**  
“of version A or version B”.

- (6) Paragraph 4A—  
**Repeal subparagraph (10).**

**6. Paragraph 4AAA added**

After paragraph 4A—

**Add**

**“4AAA. Health warning on retail container of specified cigars**

- (1) For the purposes of section 9 of the Ordinance, this paragraph applies to any retail container of specified cigar.
- (2) Each container must bear a health warning.
- (3) The health warning must—
  - (a) be printed on the container; or
  - (b) appear on an adhesive label attached firmly to the container so as not to be easily removable.
- (4) The health warning must comply with the following requirements—
  - (a) it must conform to version A or version B of one of the forms prescribed in Part 2 of the Schedule;
  - (b) it must appear on the 2 largest surfaces of each container;
  - (c) if a container has more than 2 largest surfaces, the warning must appear on any 2 of those surfaces whose inner sides are opposite to each other;

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- (d) the Chinese version of the warning must—
  - (i) appear on the largest surface on the front of the container; and
  - (ii) cover at least 70% of the area of that surface;
- (e) the English version of the same warning must—
  - (i) appear on the largest surface on the back of the container; and
  - (ii) cover 100% of the area of that surface.
- (5) For subparagraph (4)(a), each form of the health warning prescribed in Part 2 of the Schedule must appear on the retail containers of each brand of specified cigar with equal frequency during any continuous period of 24 months.
- (6) The health warning appearing on a retail container of specified cigar must not be obscured by—
  - (a) any part of the lid of the container when it is closed;
  - (b) an affixture to the container;
  - (c) the wrapping of the container;
  - (d) an affixture to that wrapping; or
  - (e) anything contained in that wrapping.”.

**7. Paragraph 4AA amended (health warning on retail container containing one cigar)**

- (1) Paragraph 4AA, heading, after “**cigar**”—  
**Add**  
**“(other than specified cigar)”.**

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- (2) Paragraph 4AA(1), after “cigar”—

**Add**

“(other than specified cigar)”.

- (3) Paragraph 4AA—

**Repeal subparagraph (3)**

**Substitute**

“(3) The health warning must—

(a) be printed on the container; or

(b) appear on an adhesive label attached firmly to the container so as not to be easily removable.”.

- (4) Paragraph 4AA—

**Repeal subparagraph (7).**

**8. Paragraph 9 repealed (transitional provision relating to Smoking (Public Health) (Notices) (Amendment) Order 2017 (L.N. 66 of 2017))**

Paragraph 9—

**Repeal the paragraph.**

**9. Paragraph 11 added**

After paragraph 10—

**Add**

**“11. Transitional provisions relating to Smoking (Public Health) (Prescribed Information) (Amendment) Order 2026**

(1) Subparagraph (2) applies to a health warning that—

- (a) is in the form prescribed in Part 2, 2A or 2B of the Schedule as in force immediately before 1 March 2027; and
  - (b) was printed on, or affixed to, a retail container of cigar (other than specified cigar), pipe tobacco or cigarette tobacco before 1 March 2027.
- (2) During the period from 1 March 2027 to 30 November 2027 (both dates inclusive), the health warning is, for the purposes of the Ordinance, to be treated as one in the form prescribed in Part 2, 2A or 2B of the Schedule.”.

#### 10. **Schedule amended**

- (1) The Schedule—

**Repeal**

“4AA, 5A & 8]”

**Substitute**

“4AAA, 4AA, 5A, 8, 10 & 11]”.

- (2) The Schedule, Part 2, heading, after “**Cigar**”—

**Add**

“**(other than Specified Cigar)**”.

- (3) The Schedule, Part 2—

**Repeal**

everything after the heading and before “Specifications—”

**Substitute**

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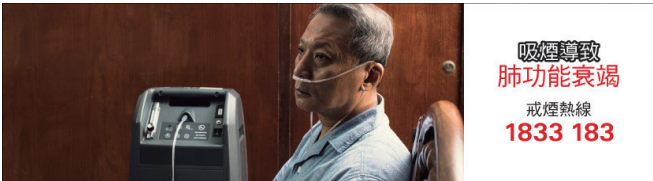
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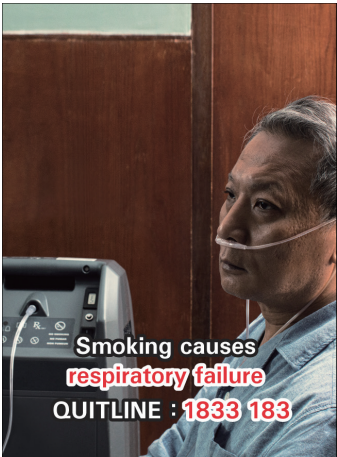
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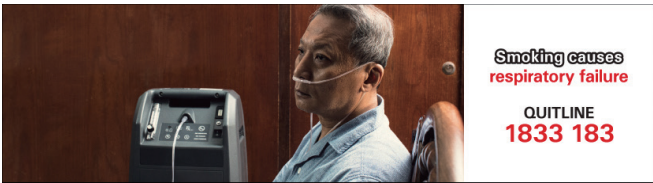
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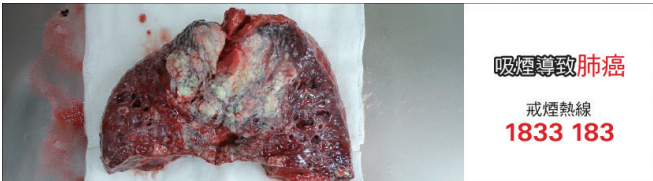
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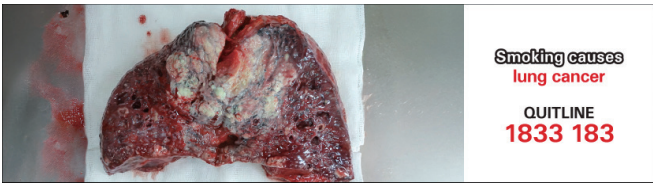


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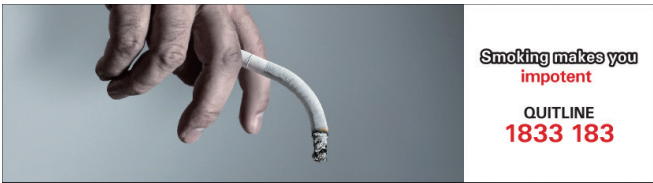
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- (4) The Schedule, Part 2A, heading—

**Repeal**

everything after “Warning on”

**Substitute**

“Retail Container of Cigar, Pipe Tobacco or Cigarette Tobacco (in Cylindrical Drum Shape (other than One Containing Specified Cigar or One Cigar))”.

- (5) The Schedule, Part 2A—

**Repeal**

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everything after the heading and before “Specifications—”  
**Substitute**  
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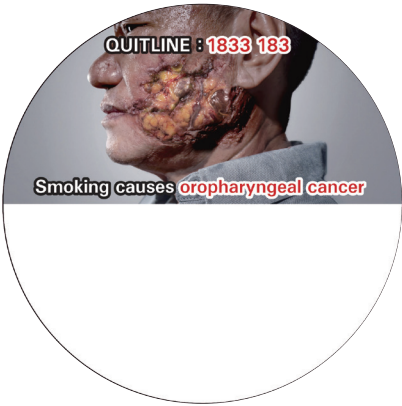
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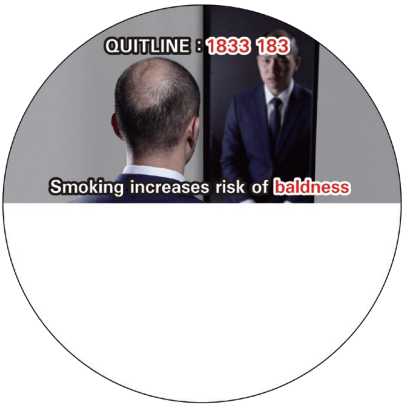
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- (6) The Schedule, Part 2B, heading, after “**Cigar**”—  
**Add**  
“**(other than Specified Cigar)**”.
- (7) The Schedule, Part 2B—  
**Repeal**  
everything after the heading and before “Specifications—”  
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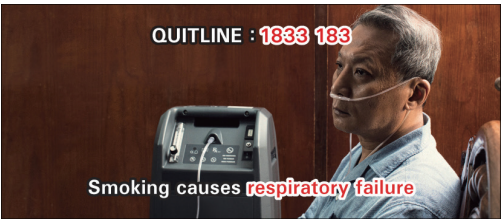
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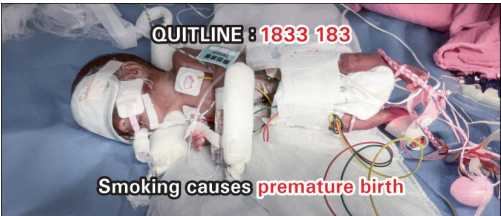
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## Explanatory Note

The main object of this Order is to amend the Smoking (Public Health) (Prescribed Information) Order (Cap. 371 sub. leg. B) (**Cap. 371B**) to prescribe new forms of health warnings for tobacco products.

2. Section 1 provides for commencement of the Order.
3. Sections 3 and 4 amend paragraphs 2A and 3 of Cap. 371B respectively to—
  - (a) repeal the provisions relating to specified packet with seal and packet or container that is in the shape of a cylindrical drum; and
  - (b) prescribe that for packet or retail container of cigarettes, health warnings must only be printed on the packet or container.
4. Sections 5 and 7 amend paragraphs 4A and 4AA of Cap. 371B respectively to allow a health warning to appear on an adhesive label attached to the retail container of cigar (other than specified cigar), pipe tobacco and cigarette tobacco without the need to seek approval from the Commissioner of Customs and Excise.
5. Section 6 adds a new paragraph 4AAA to Cap. 371B to prescribe the form and manner in which the health warning is to appear on a retail container of specified cigar.
6. Section 8 repeals paragraph 9 of Cap. 371B which is spent.

- 7. Section 9 provides for the transitional arrangements for a retail container of cigar (other than specified cigar), pipe tobacco or cigarette tobacco.
- 8. Section 10 amends Parts 2, 2A and 2B of the Schedule to Cap. 371B to prescribe 12 new forms of health warnings with new messages.