MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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Ministry of Health
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NOTIFICATION

To: Business entities, domestic tobacco manufacturers, and importers of tobacco products from foreign countries.

Subject: Implementation of health warning printing and labeling on industrial tobacco products under Decision No. 1090/MoH, dated May 13, 2024.

- Refer to the Law on Tobacco Control No. 09/NA, dated November 16, 2021;
- Refer to the Decree on the Organization and Operation of the National Committee for Tobacco and Alcohol Control No. 258/PM, dated July 30, 2026;
- Refer to the Decision on Packaging, Graphic Health Warnings, and Labeling of Industrial Tobacco Products No. 1090/MoH, dated May 13, 2024;
- Refer to the Notification of the Prime Minister's Office No. 2117/PMO, dated December 26, 2025.

The Ministry of Health hereby informs all business entities, domestic tobacco manufacturers, and importers of foreign tobacco products that: Following the extension of the preparation period for printing health warnings and labeling on industrial tobacco products under Decision No. 1090/MoH for more than 2 years (totaling 843 days) to allow business operators to adapt, as of now, the aforementioned grace period has expired. In order to ensure the effective and strict enforcement of state management under the law, the Ministry of Health hereby notifies the implementation measures as follows:

1. Effective Date: Starting from October 1, 2026 onwards, all cigarette packs and cartons distributed in the Lao PDR must accurately and fully feature the printed graphic health warnings and labels in accordance with Decision No. 1090/MoH, dated May 13, 2024.
2. Measures Against Violators: In cases where tobacco products are found distributed without complying with the aforementioned Decision, inspection officers will strictly enforce fines and other measures pursuant to Decree No. 09/Gov, dated January 27, 2026. Therefore, this notification is issued for your information and strict compliance.

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