

**Ministry of Public Health**

**Decree No. 8431**

**Regulating the Post of "No Smoking" Signs in Public Places**

The State President,

Based on the Constitution;

Based on Law No. (174) dated 29 August 2011

(Limitation of Smoking, Regulation, Manufacturing, Packaging, Advertising of Tobacco Products) especially Articles 5, 6, 15, 16 thereof;

Based on the Legislative Decree No. 340 dated 1 March 1943 and the amendments thereof (Penal Code) especially Articles 390 and 770 thereof.

Based on the recommendation of the Ministers of Finance and Public Health, and after consulting the State Shura Council (Decree No. 87/2011-2012 dated 19 December 2011);

After the approval of the Council of Ministers on 4 January 2012;

**Decided as follows:**

**Article One:** "No Smoking" Sign shall be posted in every mean of public transportation, so as the sign be posted in the frontage inside the vehicle, provided that it is clearly conspicuous to all passengers even those sitting at the back. As for the large-size means of public transportation such as buses and others, at least two "No Smoking" signs must be posted inside them. The size of the signage mentioned in the foregoing paragraph shall not be less than (210mm x 184 mm) and it shall hold the international symbol of smoking ban with a diameter not less than 70mm.

**Article Two:** A banner including the "No Smoking" sign shall be posted in all the closed areas and in the working places stipulated in Article (1) of Law No. (174) dated 29 August 2011 in various locations, provided that at least one sign shall be posted in each of the following places: Buildings entrances and halls, elevators, restaurants, meeting rooms, canteens, corridors, arcades, restrooms.

The sign shall be posted in a prominent place clearly and conspicuously to be difficult to be removed or tampered.

**Article Three:** Banners which include "No Smoking" sign shall be in conformity with the form set out in Addendum (1) attached with this Decree, and shall be according to the following specifications and standards:

1- The size of banner shall not be less than the size of A4 paper (290mm x 210 mm) with the reconsideration and differentiation between the closed areas and the means of transportation.

2- The banner shall hold the international symbol of smoking ban with a diameter not less than 70mm

3- The banner shall include the two statements "No Smoking" and "Smoking in this Area is a Violation of Law and Subjects You to a Fine not less than Fifth the Minimum Wage" in a large and easy illegible letters.

4- The banner shall be made of sturdy material that is indestructible by water or time.

**Article Four:** Banners that include the sign

of smoking ban posted in the means of transportation and the closed public places shall be deemed official advertisements that must be maintained. Anyone who tears, removes or damages them, in whole or in part, shall be punished by paying a fine as stipulated in Article (390) of the Penal Code.

**Article Five:** Any official in a private management of a public place, in which smoking is prohibited and it is proved to violate this decree, shall be punished with the penalties set out in Article (15) of Law No. (174) dated 29 August 2011 and Article (770) of the Penal Code. Moreover, Any official in a general management of a public place in which smoking is prohibited and it is proved to violate this decree due to his negligence, use of his authority or power, directly or indirectly, to hinder, delay or prohibit the application of the provisions thereof, shall be punished by the penalties set out in Article (770) of the Penal Code and in Article (15) of Law No. (174) dated 29 August 2011.

**Article Six:** All decrees and decisions, which provisions are in contradiction with those of this Decree or are not in conformity with the content thereof, shall be repealed.

**Article Seven:** In contrary to any other text, the provisions of this decree shall be applied to the restaurants, amusement parks as well as touristic and recreational places as of 3 September 2012.

**Article Eight:** This Decree shall be published and circulated, when necessary and shall be enforced upon the issuance thereof.

Baabda on 4 July 2012

Signed by: Michelle Suleiman

Issued on behalf of the State President  
Prime Minister

Signed by: Muhammad Najeeb Meqatti

Minister of Public Works and Transportation  
Signed by: Ghazi al-Aridi

Minister of Tourism  
Signed by: Fadi Abood

Minister of Finance  
Signed by: Muhammad al-Safedi  
Ministry of Public Health  
Signed by: Ali Hassan Khalil