## Sultanate of Oman

## Ministry of Commerce and Industry Ministerial Decree No. 39 of 2001 On Cigarettes and Tobacco Products

By virtue of Royal Decree No. 39/76 establishing the Directorate General for Specifications and Measurements (DGSM);

Royal Decree No. 1/78 specifying the duties of the Directorate General for Specifications and Measurements; Ministerial Decree No. 53/84 prohibiting the import of goods and products that violates the Omani standard specifications;

Ministerial Decree No. 54/97 determining the amount of nicotine and tar in cigarettes; and In accordance with the public interest,

## It is decided that

**Article 1:** Cigarettes and other tobacco products shall not be imported or displayed for sale except under the following conditions:

- A. Amount of nicotine in the tobacco of a single cigarette shall not exceed 0.6 mg.
- B. Amount of tar in the tobacco of a single cigarette shall not exceed 10 mg.
- C. Amount of carbon monoxide in the tobacco of a single cigarette shall not exceed 12 mg.
- D. Number of cigarettes in a single pack shall not exceed 20 cigarettes.
- E. Batch number shall be written on each pack of cigarettes and other tobacco products and on its shipping document.
- F. The following information shall be clearly and legibly written in Arabic on each pack of cigarettes or other tobacco products. It may be written in any other foreign language next to the Arabic.
  - 1. Percentage of tar and nicotine.
  - 2. Health warning on the front side of a pack.

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- 3. Date of packing by year. It may also be written by month and year.
- 4. Number of cigarettes per pack; for cigarettes only.
- 5. Country of origin.

Article 2: Cigarettes (whether a full pack or individual cigarettes) and other tobacco products shall not be sold or served in public shops for anyone under 18 years old.

Article 3: Whoever violates this decree shall be subject to penalties stated in Article 4 of the above-mentioned Royal Decree No. 1/78.

Article 4: The above-mentioned Ministerial Decree No. 54/97 shall be annulled.

Article 5: This Decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force three months after the date of its publication.

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