

General Directorate of Customs
The Director General's Office



- Urgent -

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Health Higher Council
Directorate of Health Promotion and
Non-communicable diseases
Incoming
Number: TS\9\25
Date: 17 January 2013

Respectable Directors of Directorates,
Peace and blessings be upon you,

Subject: Banning e-cigarettes from entering the country

Following our letter number A E G\S – 5811\1 dated 8 October 2012 regarding e-cigarettes entering the country, and referring to the letter of Directorate of Health Promotion and Non-communicable Diseases Director in the General Directorate of Health at the Health Higher Council number TS\A G A\387 dated 15 November 2012, annexed thereto the decree number (7) regarding smoking control issued in the seventieth conference of the thirty sixth session dated 3 February 2011, whereby it decides to “the necessity of complete ban of e-cigarettes in the countries of Gulf Cooperation Council, in consistent with the directions of World Health Organization and recent studies in that regard”.

The competent authority of the country is requesting the ban of e-cigarettes to the state of Qatar through all air, land and sea ports, based on the provisions of the law number (20) of the year 2002 AD regarding control of tobacco and its derivatives.

To work on banning e-cigarettes and all similar products from strictly disallow it from entering the state of Qatar, and in case there are suspicious items, it is to be coordinated with the unit of smoking control, Directorate of Health Promotion and Non-communicable Diseases at the Directorate of the General Directorate of Health to whether or not approve them.

To comply, act according to it and take the necessary actions.

Best regards,

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To the Directorate of Non-communicable Diseases
For knowledge and for action
[signature]
20 January 2013

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Ahmad bin Ali Almohannady
Director General of the General Directorate of Customs

Attachments: - a copy of the mentioned above.

<u>Cc.</u>	- Directorate of Health Promotion and Non-communicable Diseases\ Health Higher Council	- For briefing and in reference to your letter above
	- Director General of Qatar commerce and industry chamber	- For briefing and circulating over the member gentlemen
	- Director of Customs Legal affairs unit	- In reference to your letter number (1766) dated 3 December 2012
	- Director of the development of customs clearance project	- For further action and in reference to your letter number (26) dated 19 January 2013 AD
	- Director of customs affairs directorate	- For further action and in reference to your letter number (2304) dated 21 November 2012 AD
	- Director of air customs directorate position holder	- For further action and in reference to your letter number (6568) dated 23 October 2012 AD
	- Technical bureau\ G. Q	

Copy to the director of General Directorate of Health bureau
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A copy to the legal affairs directorate
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20 January 2013

