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Through the Director of the Directorate General of Global Health

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**Subject: Publication of Tobacco Regulation in the Official Gazette**

With reference to the above subject, and within the context of the efforts of the Federal Ministry of Health to implement the provisions of the Framework Agreement for Tobacco Control and the policies of the World Health Organization with regard to the laws and regulations for controlling tobacco, we inform you that the Licensed Tobacco Control Regulation was published by the Federal Minister of Health in the Official Gazette of the Ministry of Justice on March 15, 2021.

Respectfully,

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In the name of God the Merciful, the Compassionate

**Tobacco Control Regulation of 2021**

In accordance with the powers vested in him pursuant to the provisions of Article 16 of the Tobacco Control Law of 2005, the Federal Minister of Health has issued the following regulation:

**Section 1**

**Introductory Provisions**

**The Regulation's Name and the Period during which it is in Effect**

1. This regulation is called "The Tobacco Control Regulation" of 2021 and it is in effect as of the date of its signing.

**Interpretation**

2. The words and terms mentioned in this regulation shall have the meanings given to them in the Tobacco Control Law of 2005, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Outer wrapping"	This means the external wrappers of cardboard, etc. for both the packages and the cartons.
"Variation of items"	This means any type or a certain size of packages or a type of tobacco.
"The two large surfaces"	This means the front and back sides of the package for purposes of placement of pictorial or verbal health warnings on the packages of tobacco products.
"The law"	This means the Tobacco Control Law of 2005.

**Section 2**

**Specifications, Production, and Use**

**Compliance with the Specifications**

3. All manufacturers and importers of tobacco and tobacco products must comply with the specifications given by the Sudanese Standards Metrology Organization after referring to the Ministry with regard to the tobacco contents.

**Prohibition on the Expansion of Tobacco Production**

4. No party is permitted to expand tobacco production by increasing the cultivated areas, increasing the number of factories producing tobacco products, or increasing production lines in existing factories.

**Prohibition on Encouraging the Expansion of Tobacco Production**

5. It is prohibited for any person to take any action to produce, encourage, or facilitate increased production, importation, or circulation of tobacco.

**Section 3**

**Warning about the Risks of Tobacco**

**Warning Tasks**

6. The Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Higher Education, the Ministry of Culture and Information, and civil society organizations in coordination with the Ministry of Health are working to implement the tasks to warn about the risks of tobacco.

**Studies and Research**

7. The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in coordination with the Ministry will be responsible for conducting research and surveys pertaining to the control of tobacco.

**Tobacco Alternatives**

8. All parties involved must find suitable alternatives for workers in the areas of tobacco agriculture, manufacturing, and sales and provide alternative resources to the public treasury for plugging the shortfall in resources that results from the application of this law.

**Educational and Cultural Awareness**

9. The Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Higher Education, radio and television broadcasting, and the National Communications Organization must include tobacco control and quitting tobacco within educational and cultural programs.

**Section 4**

**Rules for Tobacco Use**

**Tobacco Use in Public Places**

10. (1) Tobacco may not be used in public places or closed places.  
(2) Workers may not use tobacco while they are doing their jobs, as follows:
  - (A) Workers in the field of food manufacturing, preparation, or service for human use, while they are providing the service
  - (B) Doctors working in the field of providing health and care services, while they are providing the service

- (C) Teachers, while they are giving classes or performing other educational activities
- (D) Workers in the public and private sectors, while they are providing the service to the public

**Prohibition on the Use of Tobacco While at Work**

11. Workers in the field of food manufacturing, preparation, or service are prohibited from using tobacco during work hours or while they are performing their service.

**Prohibition on the Use of Tobacco by Workers in the Medical Field**

12. Doctors working in the field of providing medical, health, and treatment services are prohibited from using tobacco during working hours or while they are performing their work.

**Prohibition on the Use of Tobacco by Workers in the Field of Education**

13. Workers in the field of education are prohibited from using tobacco while they are in educational institutions or while performing their work or while performing other educational activities.

**Prohibition on the Use of Tobacco while performing Public Services**

14. Workers in the public and private sectors are prohibited from using tobacco while providing any public service to the public.

**Section 5**

**Duties of Tobacco Product Vendors**

**Duties of Manufacturers and Producers**

15. Any person who works in the field of manufacturing or production of tobacco products must:
- (A) Make sure that the products he is manufacturing or producing have prominent pictorial and verbal health warnings described in the guidelines for external wrapping issued by the Ministry.
  - (B) Pictorial and verbal health warnings must be printed on the packages. These warnings shall be taken from the warning groups issued by the Ministry's Tobacco Directorate every 12 months.
  - (C) All pictorial and verbal health warnings issued by the Ministry must be placed on products manufactured in the relevant period so that each warning gets its share of being printed.

**Duties of Importers**

16. All importers of tobacco and tobacco products are prohibited from importing a package unless it provides the pictorial health warnings specified in the guidelines for exterior wrapping issued by the Ministry.

**Duties of Sellers and Distributors**

17. (1) The sale, distribution, or trade of any package of tobacco that does not comply with the provisions of this regulation with regard to the pictorial and verbal health warnings is prohibited.
- (2) The sale and distribution of cigarettes, nargileh tobacco, and cigarettes in split packages or from opened packages is prohibited.
- (3) The sale of empty bags or any other container for retail sale and the sale of cigarettes, cigarettes [sic], or water pipes is prohibited.
- (4) The use of any means to conceal the pictorial and verbal health warnings is prohibited.

**Section 6**

**Health Warnings**

**Health Warning Rules**

18. Producers must comply with the following rules:
- (A) The pictorial health warnings must be printed using the electronic files approved by the Ministry.
- (B) The pictorial and verbal health warnings must be printed on the external surface of the package.
- (C) The pictorial and verbal health warnings must be printed as follows:
- i. The size of the pictorial health warning must be 75% of the area of each surface of the package.
  - ii. Colors that are not radiant, such as sky blue, black, and yellow, must be used.
  - iii. The pictorial health warnings must be printed on the upper part of the package's surface, except for packages in which the width is greater than the height, in which case the pictorial health warnings shall be printed on the right side of the surface on each tobacco product.
  - iv. The written health warning must be on each package of tobacco in the Arabic language and consistent with the warning image.

- v. The pictorial and verbal health warnings must be placed on all tobacco products and they must not be removable.
- vi. The placement of pictorial and verbal health warnings on transparent materials surrounding the package or product is prohibited unless the transparent materials represent the container itself.
- vii. The [pictorial] and written health warnings must be changed every twelve months.

#### **Explanatory Statements**

19. (1) The warning statements shall be written on the packages in the Arabic and English languages.
- (2) The following explanatory statements must be written on the package:
- (A) The product's name and type.
  - (B) The name of the manufacturer.
  - (C) The number of cigarettes in each package.
  - (D) The number of grams in the case of loose tobacco.
  - (E) The batch number.

#### **Tobacco Sales in Duty-Free Stores**

20. The provisions of this regulation apply to sales of tobacco and tobacco products in duty-free stores.

#### **Section 4 [sic]**

#### **Prohibition on the Announcement, Sponsorship, Advertisement, and Promotion of All Tobacco Products**

##### **Prohibition of Announcement and Promotion**

21. (1) All advertising and administrative entities are prohibited from direct or indirect announcement and promotion of tobacco and tobacco products in the media.
- (2) The placement of announcements and promotional signs for tobacco products in stores or anywhere else is prohibited.

##### **Prohibition of Advertising and Sponsorship**

22. (1) Advertising of any tobacco products in any shape, form, or medium is prohibited.
- (2) Distribution of any tobacco product free of charge at any events for advertising purposes is prohibited.

- (3) Adoption or sponsorship of any social, academic, health-related, or sports activities or any other activities is prohibited.

**Section 7**

**Violations and Penalties**

23. Anyone who violates the provisions of this regulation shall have committed a crime pursuant to the provisions of the Tobacco Control Law of 2005, and shall be punished with the penalties prescribed therein.

Issued under my signature and seal on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Jumada II 1442 AH

Common Era equivalent: the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the month of February 2021

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The Minister

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**Dr. Usama Ahmad Abd Al-Rahim**  
**Authorized Federal Minister of Health**