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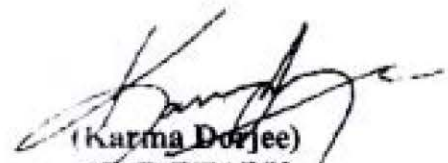
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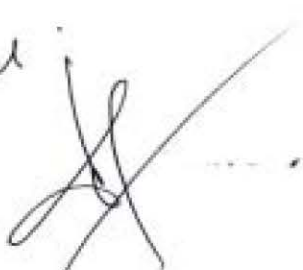
Notification

In order to protect the present and future generations from the devastating consequences of Tobacco use on health, social, environment and economy, and in view of religious considerations, the Ministry of Trade and Industry, in keeping with the decisions of the high level Multi-sectoral Committee on Tobacco Control and approved by the Government, we hereby declare the following places as *smoke free zones* throughout the country with effect from 1st March 2005.

- Commercial Centres:** All shops, shopping complexes, supermarkets, showrooms, exhibition halls, hotels, bars and restaurants;
- Recreation Centres:** Discotheques, snooker rooms, health clubs, sports and games centres, playing fields and related offices;
- Institutions:** All offices including those in the private sector, hospitals, schools and training centres;
Dzongs, monasteries and goenpas and their vicinity and Museums;
- Public gatherings:** Public meetings, Tschechu and festivals and national celebrations/receptions, vegetable markets, bus and taxi stands;
- Public Transportation:** All buses and taxis.

The above places are declared as smoke free areas. Therefore, all commercial operators and head of governments, institutions are requested to take note of this notification and cooperate to make the smoke free zone initiative a success. The Royal Bhutan Police has been empowered to monitor and enforce the rules.


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1. cc: Chairman, Minister of Health, Ministry of Health, Thimphu.
2. cc: Secretary, Ministry of Health.
3. cc: Secretary, Ministry of Education.
4. cc: Secretary, Ministry of Home & Culture Affairs.
5. cc: Dasho Dzungdag, Thimphu.
6. cc: Chairman, DYT Thimphu.
7. cc: All Dasho Dzungdags.
8. cc: Director, Department of Legal Affairs.
9. cc: Director, Public Health Department, Thimphu.
10. cc: Director, Revenue & Customs.
11. cc: Director, Road Safety & Transport Authority.
12. cc: Dasho Thrompon, City Corporation, Thimphu.
13. cc: Legal Officer, Ministry of Home & Cultural Affairs.
14. cc: Joint Director, Communication Specialist, IC Bureau.
15. cc: Chief of Police, Royal Bhutan Police, Thimphu with request to issue necessary directive to enforce the ban on above mention places.
16. cc: Managing Director, Kuensel with request publish the notification in the coming Kuensel
17. cc: Executive Director, Bhutan Board Casting Service with request to announce in all language for about a week.
18. cc: Regional Directors, RTIO's Thimphu, Phuentsholing, Colephu, Trongsa, Mongar, and Susta up Jengkhaz as directed for circulation and strict implementation.