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Notification

In the interest of the general public and to protect present and future generations from the devastating health, social, environmental and economic ill effects, the general public of the 18 Dzongkhags have put ban on tobacco and tobacco related products with much success. Also it is in keeping with the resolution of the 82nd session of National Assembly which calls for banning of sale of all tobacco and tobacco related products in the Kingdom.

Therefore, we hereby inform all concerned that the sale of tobacco and tobacco related products are henceforth to be banned with effect from the 17th of December 2004. As such, all Shops, Hotels, Restaurants and Bars dealing in tobacco and tobacco related products are requested to make necessary arrangements to dispose off existing stocks before the 17th December 2004.

Any person or firm found dealing in the sale of tobacco or tobacco related products after 17th December 2004 shall be penalised with a fine of Nu.10,000/- (Ngultrum ten thousand only) and immediate cancellation of licence as per Rule No. 11 of the "Rules and Regulations for Establishment and Operation of Industrial and Commercial Activities in Bhutan 1995". All are requested to take note of this notification and cooperate in making our great Kingdom a Tobacco Free Land.


Secretary
Ministry of Trade and Industry

- Cc: Speaker, National Assembly, Thimphu /
- Cc: Secretary, Ministry of Health Service, Thimphu.
- Cc: Director, Department of Revenue and Customs, Ministry of Finance.
- Cc: Vice President, Bhutan Chamber Commerce & Industry, Thimphu.
- Cc: Executive Director, BBS – for announcement in all the language.
- Cc: Regional Directors, Regional Trade & Industry Offices, Thimphu,
Phuentsholing, Gelephu, Trongsa and Samdrup Jongkhar.
- Cc: Kuensel Corporation – with a request to kindly publish the same in the
forthcoming issue.