

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER N°967/MINSANTE/MINCOMMERCE OF JUNE 25 2007 CONCERNING HEALTH
MARKING OF PACKAGES OF TOBACCO-BASED PRODUCTS**

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH,

IN LIGHT OF the Constitution;

IN LIGHT OF Law n°64/LF/23 of November 13, 1984, concerning the protection of public health;

IN LIGHT OF Decree n°92/031 of August 10, 1990, governing commercial activity in Cameroon;

IN LIGHT OF Law n°2005:0056 of July 27, 2005, authorizing the President of the Republic to ratify the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control of the World Health Organization signed in Geneva on May 21, 2003;

IN LIGHT OF Decree n°2002/209 of August 19, 2002, concerning the organization of the Ministry of Public Health;

IN LIGHT OF Decree n°2004/320 of December 08, 2004, concerning the organization of the Government;

IN LIGHT OF Decree n°2005/089 of March 29, 2005, concerning the organization of the Ministry of Commerce;

IN LIGHT OF Decree n°2005/440 bis of October 31, 2005, concerning the ratification of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control of the World Health Organization signed in Geneva on May 21, 2003;

IN LIGHT OF Decree n°93/720/PM of November 22, 1993, setting the terms for the application of Law n°90/031 of August 10, 1990, governing commercial activity in Cameroon.

ORDER:

Article 1: The obligatory marking of packs, boxes, cases or any other packaging of tobacco-based products sold in the national territory is hereby instituted in Cameroon.

Article 2: The purpose of the obligatory marking of packs, boxes, cases or any other packaging, is to warn consumers of tobacco-based products about the serious health risks to which they expose themselves and the people around them.

Article 3: All packs, boxes, cases or any other packaging of tobacco-based products distributed in Cameroon whether for sale or given away for free, must display the information indicating the level of nicotine and tar, as well as the following statements in French and English in clear, prominent and legible fashion.

**“LE TABAC NUIT GRAVEMENT A LA SANTE DU FUMEUR ET DE
CELLE DE SON ENTOURAGE”**

**“TOBACCO SERIOUSLY DAMAGES YOUR HEALTH AND THAT OF
PERSONS CLOSE TO YOU”**

“VENTE EN CEMAC” “FOR SALE IN CEMAC”

Article 4: The statements indicated in Article 3 above are to be printed in bold upper case characters, with a minimal size of 16 points covering at least 50% of the main surfaces in black writing on a white background, and contrasting with the color of the pack, the box, the case or any other packaging.

Article 5: Similar messages adopted in foreign countries and approved by the Minister of Public Health of Cameroon, are acceptable for all regularly imported products.

Article 6: Manufacturers, importers, distributors and vendors of tobacco-based products operating in Cameroon, shall have a period of six (06) months, counting from the date of signature of this Administrative Order to enter into compliance with it.

Article 7: (1) Any pack, box, case or any other packaging of tobacco-based products not displaying the statements and characters indicated in Articles 3 and 4 above, shall be confiscated and destroyed in the interest of public health by Officers of the Judicial Police, assisted by authorized agents of commerce.

(2) Any operation of confiscation and destruction of products not in compliance with the provisions of this Administrative Order shall be the subject of a written notification forwarded to the Prosecutor of the Republic in whose jurisdiction it falls, within a period of fifteen (15) days, with a copy to the authorized Ministers in charge of Public Health and of Commerce, respectively.

Article 8: Any violator of the provisions of this Administrative Order shall be liable to the sanctions set forth by the regulations in force, without impairment to legal prosecution for hazardous activities, pursuant to the provisions of Articles 74 and 228 of the Penal Code.

Article 9: Any earlier provisions at variance with this, and particularly Administrative Order n°0016/A/MINDIC/MSP/CAB of June 08, 1999 concerning health-related marking of packages of tobacco-based products, are hereby rescinded.

Article 10: This Administrative Order is to be registered, published on an urgent basis, then inserted into the *Journal Officiel* (Official Journal) in French and English./-

Yaoundé, June 25, 2007

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
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THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE,
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