

**UNION OF THE COMOROS**

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<b>Vice President of the Ministry of Finance, Economic, Budget and Investment and Foreign Trade in charge of Privatization</b> -----	[EMBLEM]	<b>Ministry of Health, Social Cohesion and Solidarity and Gender Promotion</b> -----
[STAMP:] General Secretariat of Government No. 13-028/A/27/04/13 DEPT. OF UNIQUE REGISTRATION OF OFFICIAL ACTS	[STAMP:]  General Secretariat of Government No. 13-019/A/27/04/13 DEPT. OF [UNIQUE] REGISTRATION OF OFFICIAL ACTS  <b>Inter-ministerial Administrative Order No. 13...MSSCPG/VPMFEBICEP</b> Concerning provisions on points of sale for tobacco products in implementation of Law 11/02/AU of March 27, 2011.	

**THE MINISTERS,**

- In light of the Constitution of the Union of the Comoros of December 23, 2001;
- In light of Law No. 095-13/AF of June 24, 1995, concerning the general framework of the health system and defining the missions of the public health service;
- In light of the Referendum Act concerning revision of the Constitution of the Union of the Comoros of December 23, 2001, promulgated by Decree No. 09-066/PR of May 23, 2009,
- In light of Law No. 11-001/AU of March 26, 2011 concerning the National Code of Public Health and 14/PR of July 14, 2011;
- In light of Law No. 11-002/AU of March 27, 2011 on Tobacco Control
- In light of Decree No. 11-079/PR of May 30, 2011, concerning the Government of the Union of the Comoros
- In light of The needs of service;

**ORDER:**

**Article 1:** Tobacco must be sold at specific stores called “ tobacco shops” with an area of at least 20m<sup>2</sup>.  
In the event that this is impossible, tobacco is to be sold in any shop selling general merchandise, with the requirement for tobacco products to be displayed on a specific shelf.

**Article 2:** Points of sale for tobacco products must be indicated by a notice panel reminding people of the danger associated with tobacco consumption and giving notice of the sale of tobacco in such place. The panel must be legible, and covering a surface area of (50 cm x 30 cm) 1500 cm<sup>2</sup>.

**Article 3:** The notice panel must display the following messages:

- Tobacco is for sale here
- Smoking is seriously harmful to your health and to that of the people around you
- The messages must be written in French and Comorian in Arabic characters .
- The text must be written in black on a white background on a black background [*sic*] and the characters must be of a height of 20 mm.

**Article 4:** Vendors of tobacco, in addition to having to pay for their licenses, must register with local authorities representing the Ministry of Commerce.

**Article 5:** Vendors of tobacco products must be adults, and must ascertain the age of buyers prior to selling to them, knowing that the sale of tobacco by and for minors is prohibited.

**Article 6:** Street vendors, retailers, and apron vendors of tobacco products must be registered with local authorities representing the Ministry of Commerce, and must pay a license fee, which is to be determined by the bureau of taxation on the basis of the volume of activity.

**Article 7:** This Administrative Order, which is to take effect six months after the date of its signing, is to be registered, published and with notification hereof given everywhere, or wherever it may be needed.

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