

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

INTERMINISTERIAL ORDER No. 24 ms/mc.cab of January 19, 1998, mentioning a warning concerning the dangers of abusive consumption of tobacco on the packaging of products containing tobacco.

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE

In light of the Constitution;

In light of Decree No. 69-356 of July 31, 1969 determining infractions for Police court and the penalties applicable thereunto;

In light of Decree No. 79-477 dated June 6, 1979 containing a ban on smoking in certain public places;

In light of Decree No. 96 PR. 02 of January 26, 1996, containing the nomination of members of the Government, as amended by Decrees No. PR. 10 of August 10, 1996 and No. PR. 08 dated December 10, 1997;

In light of Decree No. 96-179 dated March 1, 1996 containing duties of members of the Government,

DO HEREBY ORDER

Article 1. – Tobacco packaging, notably packs of cigarettes and cigars made available for public consumption, as well as any other product containing tobacco must include, on one of their lateral surfaces, the following general warning: “ABUSE IS DANGEROUS TO HEALTH.”

Article 2. – This statement must be printed in indelible and distinctly legible lettering, whose height cannot be less than two millimeters.

Article 3. – The producers and importers of tobacco have a period of six months counting from the publication of this decree to comply with this provision.

Article 4. – Anyone who shall infringe the provisions of this decree shall be punished with a fine ranging from 10,000 to 100,000 francs, or a sentence of no more than ten days imprisonment, or both.

These penalties shall be applicable to each package that is not in compliance, and they are cumulative for the whole lot found to be in violation.

Article 5. – This order, which takes effect on the date of its signing, is to be published in the Official Journal of the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire.

Abidjan, January 19, 1998

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