

## **TRANSLATION**

**Original: Arabic**

### **Law No. 52 of 1981 Concerning the Prevention of the Adverse Effects of Tobacco**

**In the name of the People  
The President of the Republic**

Issued the following Law approved by the National Assembly

**Article 1:**

Cigarettes and Tobacco products shall not be imported, exported, produced, marketed, sold, or held to be sold, unless they are in accordance with the specifications, standards and requirements specified by a decision from the Secretary of State for Health, in coordination with the Minister of Industry.

Such specifications shall stipulate, inter alia, that the proportion of tar should not exceed 20 mgs per cigarette; however, this proportion may be reduced by a decision from the Secretary of State for Health, in coordination with the Minister of Industry.

**Article 2:**

Without prejudice to effective laws, the Ministry of Health shall be responsible for controlling how consistent locally manufactured, as well as imported cigarettes and other types of tobacco-products, with the specifications indicated in this law and the executive regulations thereof.

**Article 3:**

The proportions of nicotine, tar and other substances, decided upon by the Secretary of State for Health, shall be indicated on all packs of cigarettes, or tobacco products. A decision from the same may add any other information to be labelled on such packs.

A warning saying:

**“Smoking is very harmful to health”** shall also be labelled on each pack.

**Article 4:**

In conformity with the executive regulations of this law, public bodies, public artificial persons, public sector units, cinemas, theatres, and sporting clubs shall, in no way, advertise or promote cigarettes and other tobacco-products.

**Article 5:**

Advertising cigarettes and other tobacco-products, in settings other than indicated in the above article, shall be confined to the shape of the pack, its ingredients and its price; however, the advertisement shall in a clear way, contain the same warning as in Article 3 above, in accordance with the provisions of the regulations.

**Article 6:**

Smoking is not allowed in public transport, public and closed places, specified by the Secretary of State for Health.

**Article 7:**

Without prejudice to any harder penalty, violators of the provisions of articles 1, 3, 4 and 5 of this law shall be imprisoned for a term of no more than one year or fined a sum of no less than 100 pounds and no more than 1000 pounds, or both.

In case of recidivism (recurrence), the violator will be both imprisoned and fined.

In all cases, the seized cigarettes or tobacco-products, shall be impounded.

The sentence may include closure of the factory or shop where the crime was discovered.

**Article 8:**

Violators of Article 6 of this law shall be imprisoned for no more than a week, or fined a sum of no less than 5 pounds and no more than 20 pounds, or both.

**Article 9:**

The Secretary of State for Health shall issue the executive regulations of this law, as well as any other necessary decisions.

**Article 10:**

This law shall be published in the official journal and be effective three months after the date of publication.

This law shall be stamped with the public seal, and be enacted as a public law.

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