

Ministry of Health and Housing
Resolution No. 443 of 2007
Amending some provisions of the regulation that implements
Law No. 52 of 1981 pertaining to Protection from the Harm caused by Smoking

The Minister of Health and Housing

After reviewing Law No. 52 of 1981 pertaining to protection from the harm caused by smoking as amended by Law No. 85 of 2002 and Law No. 154 of 2007;

Presidential Decree No. 242 of 1996 governing the Ministry of Health and Housing;

Ministerial Decree No. 1 of 1982 which enacts the regulation implementing the aforementioned Law No. 152 [sic] of 1981;

Ministerial Decree No. 289 of 1997 amending some of the provisions of the aforementioned regulation;

And on the basis of the conclusions of the committee formed for this purpose;

has issued the following resolution:

Article 1

The text of Article 4 of the regulation that implements Law No. 52 of 1981 pertaining to protection from the harm caused by smoking issued by Ministerial Decree No. 1 of 1983 is replaced by the following text:

Article 4 – The amount of nicotine and tar referred to in Appendix 1 must be stated in Arabic on every pack of cigarettes or tobacco produced locally or imported, it must be written clearly and legibly, and the amount of tar per cigarette must not exceed 15 milligrams.

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Every pack of cigarettes must also have the phrase “Caution! Smoking is harmful to health and causes death” written on it using that exact wording in clear and legible type. This warning must occupy at least half of the front and back panels of the package. In addition pictures that illustrate the risks of smoking to the heart and lungs and to unborn children must also appear accompanied by phrases explaining the pictures. For example, “He has heart disease caused by smoking,” and “He has lung cancer caused by smoking.” The expression “The harmful effects of smoking affect smokers and non-smokers” must be written below the phrase “Caution! Smoking is harmful to health and causes death.”

Article 2

A 6-month grace period from the date this decree goes into effect shall be granted to producers, exporters, and importers of cigarettes and tobacco products to comply with the provisions.

Article 3

This decree shall be published in Egyptian Events and it goes into effect the day after its publication date.

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Minister of Health and Housing
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