

**Order No. 006 . . . on the printing of mandatory messages on packs of
cigarettes that are manufactured, imported and sold in the Republic of
Gabon**

This Order supersedes the provisions relating to the printing of mandatory messages on packs of cigarettes sold in the Republic of Gabon decreed in Order No. 268 . . . of 13 May 1998.

Article 2

All packs of locally-manufactured cigarettes, and cigarettes that are imported and sold in Gabon, must carry a message in French indicating:

- their nicotine content;
- their 'tar' content.

This applies to the whole of the Republic of Gabon.

Article 3

The warning: "NUIT GRAVEMENT A LA SANTE" (seriously harms health") shall appear on one of the lateral sides of every cigarette pack destined for sale in Gabon. The warning must be printed in perfectly legible and indelible characters that are no less than two millimetres in height.

Article 4

Failure to comply with these regulations in line with labelling and public health norms, within six months from the date this Order is signed, will be punishable by judicial and financial penalties.

Article 5

The Minister of trade is empowered to order the closure of the factory and to seize, confiscate or destroy goods that do not carry the messages described in Articles 2 and 3 of this Order, or that are harmful to the health of consumers.

Article 6

The Directors-General of trade and consumption and the Commander-in-Chief of the **security** forces are each responsible for the enforcement of this Order, which shall take effect following signature, and will be recorded, published in the **Official** Journal *of the Republic of Gabon* and disseminated as required.

Libreville, 29 September, 1998