

**PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC**

MINISTRY OF HEALTH,  
SOCIAL WELFARE AND  
NATIONAL SOLIDARITY

**REPUBLIC OF GABON**  
**Union- Labor- Justice**

<p>[STAMP:] COUNCIL OF STATE Approval of President Council of State [illegible signature]</p> <p>REPUBLIC OF GABON UNION – LABOR – JUSTICE PREMIER PRESIDENT</p>	<p>Decree n° _____ /PR/MSPSSN concerning the packaging of tobacco products in the Republic of Gabon.</p> <p>The President of the Republic, Chief of State;</p>
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In light of the Constitution;

In light of Order No. 01/95 of January 14, 1995, concerning the direction of health policy in the Republic of Gabon;

In light of Law n° 006/2013 of August 21, 2013, concerning the implementation of tobacco control measures in the Republic of Gabon;

In light of Decree n° 0326 of February 28, 2013, concerning the attributions and organization of the Ministry of Health;

In light of Decree n° 0033/PR January 24, 2014, concerning the nomination of the Prime Minister, Head of the Government;

In light of Decree n° 487 /PR/PM September 11, 2015, determining the composition of the Government of the Republic, together with the subsequent amending texts;

The Council of State having been consulted;

The Council of Ministers having been duly informed;

**Decrees:**

**Article 1:** This Decree determines the captions, statements and signs that must be displayed on the outer covering of packages of tobacco products.

Packages should be understood to refer to any container, receptacle or envelope in which tobacco products are distributed and sold to consumers.

The marking of packages of tobacco products is compulsory.

**Article 2:** The purpose of marking packages of tobacco products is to warn consumers about the serious health risks to which they expose themselves and those around them.

**Article 3:** All packages of tobacco products intended for sale in Gabon must display the following captions or statements:

- the manufacturing brand;
- the caption “for sale in the CEMAC zone”;
- the lot number;
- the name and address of the manufacturer and the country of original manufacture;
- the date of manufacture and possibly the date of expiration.
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**Article 4:** The captions and statements indicated in Article 3 above must be printed in bold characters, without abbreviations, and must be placed on the lateral sides of each package.

The size of these captions and statements must be less than ten millimeters for packs of cigarettes.

**Article 5:** In addition to those indicated in Article 3 above, packages of cigarettes and cigars intended for sale in Gabon must exhibit on both main surfaces the following captions:

**“tobacco KILLS”;**  
**“prohibited for those under 18.”**

**Article 6:** The Minister for Tobacco Control may, by administrative order, require the inclusion of other captions or statements on packages of tobacco products, notably:

- “smoking causes lung cancer”;
- “smoking causes cancer of the mouth”;
- “smoking causes complications during pregnancy”;
- “smoking is harmful to the health of your child”;
- “using tobacco causes sexual impotence”;
- “smoking tobacco is harmful to the health of those around you”;
- “smokers die prematurely”;
- “smoking causes breast cancer.”

These captions or statements must be printed in indelible, perfectly legible characters, covering 60% of surface A and 65% of surface B of the package.

**Article 7:** The captions, statements and signs serving as health warnings or alerts must be printed in bold “red” Helvetica characters on a white background in lower case.

They must be illustrated by one or several pictograms, notably:

- an image of lung cancer;
- an image of cancer of the mouth;
- an image of complications during pregnancy;
- an image of a child suffering from a respiratory disease;
- an image illustrating sexual impotence;
- an image illustrating second-hand smoke;
- an image of a corpse in a shroud;
- an image of breast cancer.

**Article 8:** Every two years, the party responsible for implementation of the tobacco control program shall choose the two messages and pictograms that are to appear on packages.

**Article 9:** The captions and statements serving as health warnings or alerts must be written in French, and may not be in any way be disguised, hidden or separated from other indications by the image or logo, or by the opening of the package.

If necessary, the Ministry for Tobacco Control can establish other messages and pictograms.

**Article 10:** Manufacturers and importers of tobacco products are required to submit package samples to the Ministry for Tobacco Control, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 above.

**Article 11:** Manufacturers and importers of tobacco products shall have three months to enter into compliance with these provisions, counting from the publication of this Decree.

Once this deadline has elapsed, they shall be liable to the administrative and criminal sanctions set forth in the legal texts in force.

**Article 12:** Infractions of this Decree are to be punished in accordance with the provisions of Law n° 006/2013 of August 21, 2013, noted above.

**Articles 13:** Regulatory texts shall determine, as needed, provisions of any kind that may be necessary for the implementation of this Decree.

Unofficial Translation

**Article 14:** This Decree is to be registered and published, on an urgent basis, with notice hereof to be provided wherever it may be needed.

Done in Libreville, on

By the President of the Republic,  
Chief of State;

**Ali BONGO ONDIMBA**

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Head of the Government;

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