

PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC

MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
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REPUBLIC OF GABON
Union- Labor- Justice

<p>[STAMP:] COUNCIL OF STATE Approval of President Council of State [illegible signature]</p> <p>REPUBLIC OF GABON</p> <p>UNION – LABOR – JUSTICE</p> <p>PREMIER PRESIDENT</p>	<p>Decree n° _____ /PR/MSPSSN concerning the ban on smoking tobacco in places open to the public 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 the Framework Convention for Tobacco Control of the World Health Organization, ratified by Law n° 24/2008 of January 29, 2009;

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;

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Decrees:

Article 1: It is prohibited to smoke tobacco in places open to the public.

Places open to the public are understood to refer to places with public access of any kind, notably:

- work places;
- any enclosed or covered places that receive the public in any way whatsoever;
- uncovered spaces in pre-school, school, university and public or private training institutions;
- establishments intended for the reception, training or accommodation of minors;
- closed and/or open facilities for shows, movies, theater productions, concert halls, restaurants, cafés, cybercafés, supermarkets and athletic venues, night clubs and bars;
- libraries;
- elevators;
- common areas in residential buildings;
- bus shelters;
- public offices;
- government buildings;
- concourses and waiting rooms in ports, airports, bus stations and train stations;
- land, air, sea, river and lake transportation vehicles that can carry travelers or passengers, regardless of whether they are managed by public or private companies;
- large and small tents and the like;
- hospital establishments and all health-care facilities.

Article 2: In places where smoking is prohibited, prominent signs must remind the public of this prohibition.

Article 3: Minors may not enter into smoking spaces.

Article 4: Operators and managers of places open to the public that are in operation prior to the publication of this Decree shall have a firm deadline of ninety calendar days counting from this publication to enter into compliance with it. Once this deadline has elapsed, the interested parties shall be liable to the sanctions set forth in the legal texts in force.

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

Article 5: Infractions of the provisions of this Decree are to be punished in accordance with the provisions of Law n° 006/2013 of August 21, 2013, noted above.

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Articles 6: Regulatory texts shall determine, as needed, provisions of any kind that may be necessary for the implementation of this Decree.

Article 7: 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;

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Head of the Government;

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