

To: Ministry of Health, Kurdistan Region / General Directorate of Health Affairs
Health Departments in all governorates
Health Department of Baghdad / Al-Karkh
Health Department of Baghdad / Al-Rusafa } Office of the General Director

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27/12 [illegible]

Subject: Food Safety Advisory Agency Decision No. 231

Dear Sirs:

With reference to the minutes of Food Safety Advisory Agency meeting number 231 and the ratification by the Minister of Health and Environment regarding:

First: Discussion of the subject of electronic cigarettes and hookahs, based on the opinion of the National Committee to Combat Smoking, including the request to broaden the concept of prevention and trade to cover manufacturing and advertising electronic means of nicotine delivery (electronic cigarette, electronic hookah, vape; and reaching:

The decision:

To broaden the concept of prevention mentioned in Decision No. 170 of 2011 and Decision No. 229 of 2019, to include the sale, manufacture, and advertising of electronic nicotine delivery methods (electronic cigarette, electronic hookah, and vape).

Second: Discussion of the investigation of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in foods and the parties that [illegible] cooperation with them in this regard after the Central Agency for Inspection and Quality Control apologized for including it as an industrial pollutant since it was a commercial fraud; and reaching:

The decision:

The Ministry of Science and Technology shall produce a technical scientific report about the extent of the harm caused by PCBs and foods in which they may be present, and the diagnostic capacity for this material, and to determine the parties that have the ability to investigate.

Third: Discussion of a request to convert Za'faran brand Turkish flour to animal fodder; and reaching:

The decision:

To refer the matter to a scientific committee consisting of members of the Ministry of Health and Environment, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Ministry of Planning.