

**Circular no. 2003/56933 of 12/24/2003**

**RE: Cigarette machines. Prohibited use for minors. Integrations.**

This text refers to Circular no. 2003/25137 of May 26, in which directives were enacted in order to limit minors' ability to procure processed tobacco.

In this regard, notwithstanding the aforementioned goals and given the need to consider the detailed, varying needs that characterize this complex subject, the following integrations and amendments have been made to the aforementioned circular.

From January 10, 2004:

- Cigarette machines must be shut down across the country from seven am to nine pm, including on holidays;
- The installation of cigarette machines with an electronic ID card reader is optional. The technical methods and application features of the relative reader software will be governed by the specific protocol of understanding between the competent Institutions or sector associations. The machines with this reading system are not subject to any limitations on their hours of operation.

Finally, it should be noted that this regulation applies exclusively to cigarette machines so that vending machines that provide other products do not fall under the cited provisions.