

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

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**The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Ministry of Health**

**Health Director:
Health Center:**

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To the Kind Attention of Chairman of Jordan Tourist Restaurant Association

Due to the issuance of Public Health Law number 47/2008, Chapter 12 (Article 53/A, C), which stipulates the banning of smoking of any kind of tobacco in public places and obliges persons in charge of public places to post a sign of "No Smoking" in a visible place and take the necessary measures to monitor compliance with this Law, and as your Association is one of non-governmental public places,

Kindly take the necessary measures through those in charge of restaurants to declare the tourist restaurants under your supervision smoke-free, and dedicate areas for smoking in your restaurants in accordance with the attached specifications and requirements as of 01 June 2009. Kindly comply with the above, under the threat of legal responsibility, and inform me of your actions.

Best Regards

Minister of Health
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Dr. Salah Mawajdeh

CC to: Director of Primary Healthcare Administration

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Requirements to be fulfilled in places designated for smokers in tourist restaurants:

1. The number of seats designated for smokers must not exceed 50% of total number of seats in the restaurant.
2. Area designated for smokers must be totally isolated from places designated for non-smokers and doors must be self-closing and closed at all times, except upon entry and exit.
3. Area designated for smokers must not be an entrance, a corridor, or a place for waiting or a reception.
4. A sign in Arabic and English must be posted in a visible place stating that such place is designated for smokers only.
5. Area designated for smokers must be well-ventilated, polluted air "exhaust" must be expelled outside automatically, air should not be recycled through the ventilation system or air conditioner, and the ventilation system must work throughout all working hours.
6. The number of persons in such place must not exceed the allowed number, at an average of 2 m² per person.
7. Persons less than 18 years of age must be prohibited from entering areas designated for smokers.
8. Area designated for smokers must be provided with all safety and fire-fighting requirements, including appropriate furniture.
9. Place dedicated for hookahs (if any) must be open and/ or without ceiling.

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Head of Prevention of Smoking Damage Department