

# State of Kuwait

## Ministry of Health

### Minister's Office

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#### Ministerial Decree No. (23), 2012

The Minister of Health,

- Having reviewed the provisions of Law No. (15) of 1995 on anti-smoking efforts;
- In the light of Ministerial Decree No. 223 of 1995, as amended, designating public places where smoking is prohibited;
- In order to initiate enforcement of Act No. 15 of 1995 on anti-smoking efforts in view of the adverse effects of smoking on smokers and non-smokers alike;
- In response to letter No. 5102 dated 19 December 2011 of the Minister of Public Works and the State Minister for Municipal affairs, regarding the request to completely ban the serving of Shisha (water-pipe) in restaurants and cafes, and
- Based on the requirements of public health,

Hereby takes the following decision:

**Article I:** Article II of Ministerial decree No. 223 of 1995 referred to above shall be amended as follows:

Smoking shall be prohibited in the following public places:

- 1 - Education facilities, such as universities, institutes, schools, training workshops, public libraries and others.
- 2 – Places of worship and related buildings.
- 3 - All health-care facilities such as hospitals, health centres, dispensaries, mental clinics, pharmacies and general clinics both in the public and private sectors.
- 4 - All venues where social, cultural, sporting, entertainment and seminar-related activities are carried out.

5 - Courts of Ministries and headquarters of government agencies.

6 – Public transport, whether by land, sea or air.

7 - All markets, commercial complexes, cooperative society markets and supermarkets.

8 - All land and sea ports and airports.

9 - Restaurants, cafes and hotels, including prevention of smoking, serving Shisha and other similar means of smoking.

**Article II:** This Decision shall enter into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette:

**Mustafa Jassim Al-Shimali**

**Minister of Finance and Minister of Health**

**To adopt the original decision**