

**REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH
GENERAL BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**RESOLUTION No. 0968
(of September 23, 2011)**

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
In the exercise of his legal authority,

WHEREAS:

It is the function of the state to take care of the health of the population, understanding the latter as complete physical, mental and social wellbeing.

In accordance with Cabinet Decree 1 of January 15, 1969, actions for the promotion, protection, restoration and rehabilitation of health that, by constitutional mandate, are the responsibility of the State, are to be executed by the Ministry of Health.

Law 13 of January 24, 2008, establishes the health measures for the control of tobacco use.

Executive Decree 230 of May 6, 2008, which regulates Law 13 of 2008, provides in its Article 14 that packs of tobacco products must contain, among other things, pictograms approved by the Ministry of Health that are to occupy 60% of the space designated for the additional health warning.

It is up to the General Bureau of Public Health to execute national functions of public health of an administrative, normative, and regulatory character, and of inspection and control.

In light of the foregoing, it is hereby

RESOLVED:

ARTICLE ONE: To approve and establish the five (5) pictograms that must be printed on packages of tobacco products and cigarette packs sold in the territory of the Republic of Panama, and that appear below:

[IMAGE]

SMOKING CAUSES MISCARRIAGES

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[IMAGE]

SMOKING CAN CAUSE PREMATURE WRINKLES

[IMAGE]

SMOKING CAN CAUSE BREAST CANCER

[IMAGE with text: 'BLOCKED ARTERY']

SMOKING CAN CAUSE CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE

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[IMAGE]

SMOKING CAN CAUSE IMPOTENCE

ARTICLE TWO: To give notice to manufacturing industries, importers, distributors and sellers of tobacco products, that the health warning must be reproduced on packages and packs of tobacco products in equal proportions during the entire period of circulation for all brands.

ARTICLE THREE: To order the distribution and selling industries of tobacco products to deliver on a quarterly basis to the General Bureau of Public Health, a report which is to consist of the following information:

1. The volume of packages and packs circulating per brand, and the number of warnings printed by said brand.

ARTICLE FOUR: To authorize the National Commission for the Study of Tobacco Use of the Ministry of Health and all local and regional health authorities in the country, to undertake enforcement action to see to faithful compliance with this Resolution and the rules in force with respect to tobacco control.

ARTICLE FIVE: The Pictograms and health warnings contained in this Resolution shall be valid for a period of one (1) year following their promulgation.

ARTICLE SIX: This Resolution is to take effect as of its promulgation.

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DR. EDUARDO LUCAS MORA

General Director of Public Health

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