

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

RESOLUTION No. 153

(Of March 05, 2010)

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH,

pursuant to his legal powers,

WHEREAS:

Law 13 of January 24, 2008, establishes preventive health measures for the control of smoking.

Executive Decree 230 of May 6, 2008, which regulates the above-cited law, sets forth in its Article 14 that tobacco product packages must contain, among other things, the pictograms approved by the Ministry of Health, which shall occupy 60% of the space designated for the additional health warning.

Resolution 868 of October 19, 2009, in its Article One approves the first five (5) pictograms which must be printed on packages of tobacco products and cigarette packs sold in the country of the Republic of Panama.

Subsequent to the above, certain technical-legal criteria have had to be reviewed, which have caused a small variation in three (3) of the above pictograms.

As a result of the aforementioned, it is

HEREBY RESOLVED:

ARTICLE ONE: To amend Article One of Resolution 868 of October 19, 2009, which shall remain thus:

ARTICLE ONE: To approve and establish five (5) pictograms which must be printed on the packaging of tobacco products and cigarette packs that are marketed within the territory of the Republic of Panama and that they shall appear as follows:



SMOKING CAUSES IMPOTENCE

ARTICLE TWO: To warn the industries that manufacture, import, distribute and market tobacco products that pursuant to Executive Decree 230 of May 6, 2008, they must print one of the pictograms set forth in the above article on the packaging and packs of tobacco products they wish to market within the country of the Republic of Panama, pursuant to the provisions of Article 17 of the above-cited Decree.

ARTICLE THREE: To warn the industries that manufacture, import, distribute and market tobacco products that the health warnings must be reproduced on the packaging and packs of tobacco products in equal proportions throughout the entire period of circulation for all brands.

ARTICLE FOUR: To order the industries that distribute and market tobacco products to submit a report each quarter to the General Office of Public Health in which the following information appears:

1. Volume of packaging and packs in circulation by brand and the proportion of warnings printed for that brand.
2. Composition of product distribution by health region, according to the prevailing organization by the Ministry of Health.

ARTICLE FIVE: To empower the Ministry of Health's National Commission for the Study of Smoking and all local and regional health authorities in the country to carry out supervisory actions in faithful fulfillment of the contents of this Resolution.

ARTICLE SIX: This Resolution shall take effect with its issuance in the Official Gazette.

LET IT BE KNOWN AND FULFILLED.

[Illegible Signature]
DR. EDUARDO LUCAS MORA
General Director of Public Health

[Round green stamp: "Republic of Panama
Ministry of Health
General Office of Health Panama"]

[Top half of page: Photograph of partially burned, unwrapped cigarette butt being dissected]

[Words in the picture say: Ammonia, Arsenic, Acetone, Naphthalene]

[Caption:]

**TOBACCO PRODUCT COMPONENTS
CAUSE SICKNESS AND DEATH**

[Lower half of page: Photograph of girl and man smoking at a table]

[Caption:]

**SECONDHAND TOBACCO SMOKE HARMS
FAMILY HEALTH**



SMOKING CAN CAUSE SLOW AND PAINFUL DEATH



SMOKING CAN CAUSE GANGRENE