

ORDER No. 618 from April 10, 2007

concerning the approval of combined warnings on tobacco packages taken exclusively from the electronic document library – source of the European Commission

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Taking into consideration the provisions of Law no. 349/2002, article 6, paragraph (2), letter h) for the prevention and fight against the consequences of tobacco consumption, with the subsequent modifications and supplements, and of article 3, paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) from the annex to the Order no. 764/2004 of the Minister of Health for the approval of the Norms concerning the use of color photographs or other illustrations with regard to the health warnings on the tobacco packages,

on the basis of the Government decision no. 862/2006 regarding the organization and the function of the Ministry of Public Health,  
with reference to the Endorsement report of the Public Health Authority no. E.A. 3687 from April 5, 2007,

the Minister of Public Health issues the following Order

ARTICLE 1

(1) The combined warnings on tobacco packages coming exclusively from the electronic document library of the European Commission are hereby approved.

(2) An electronic document library in the Romanian language shall be created, containing the source-documents put at the disposal by the European Commission and adapted to the Romanian language

ARTICLE 2

The combined warnings provided for in article 1, paragraph (1) used for the presentation or explanation of the health consequences of tobacco consumption are provided for in the annex, which constitute part of the present Order.

ARTICLE 3

(1) The electronic form for the combined warnings provided for in article 1, paragraph (1), necessary for the inscription of the tobacco packages may be requested from the Ministry of Public Health.

(2) The high-resolution electronic format of the source-documents provided for in article 1, paragraph (2) may be requested from the Ministry of Public Health only if these documents are used in order to present or explain the health consequences of tobacco consumption.

ARTICLE 4

(1) The use of combined warnings on the tobacco packages in order to present or explain the health consequences of tobacco consumption that are provided for in article 2, paragraph (1) is made pursuant to the provisions of the Health Minister's Order no. 764/2004 concerning the approval of Norms with regard to the use of color photographs or other illustrations within the health warnings on tobacco packages, with the subsequent modification and supplements.

(2) The use of combined warnings provided for in article 1, paragraph (1) on cigarette packages shall go into effect on July 1, 2007.

(3) The back stock of cigarette packages that do not observe the provisions of the present Order and are on the market as of July 1, 2008 shall be liquidated in 12 months.

(4) The date from which the use of combined warnings provided for in article 1, paragraph (1) is mandatory on the packages containing other tobacco products except cigarettes shall be established later by order of the Minister of Public Health.

ARTICLE 5

The Ministry of Public Health carries out a yearly evaluation of the impact which the inscriptions on tobacco packages with combined warnings have upon the behavior of the tobacco consumers, especially children and youngsters.

ARTICLE 6

The Ministry of Public Health informs the European Commission every two years with regard to the implementation of the provisions which reflect the Decision of the European Commission. 2003/641/CE.

ARTICLE 7

Non-observance of the dispositions of the present order is penalized according to the provisions of article 10 letter d) and article 12, paragraph (1) of Law no. 349/2002 concerning the prevention and fight against the consumption of tobacco products, with the subsequent modifications and supplements.

ARTICLE 8

The present order reflects the provisions of the European Commission's Decision 2003/641/CE, supplemented by the European Commission's Decision 26/V/2005.

ARTICLE 9

The present order is to be published in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I.

Minister of Public Health,  
Gheorghe Eugen Nicolăescu

ANNEX 1\*)

\*) The annex is reproduced in facsimile.

The combined warnings used on the tobacco packages.

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For additional message:	Combined warning
1. Smokers die younger.	Image 1
2. Smoking blocks blood circulation in arteries, leads to heart attack and stroke.	Image 2
3. Smoking causes lung cancer, which is fatal.	Image 3
4. Smoking creates addiction, do not start smoking.	Image 4

5. Quitting smoking lowers the risk of fatal heart and lung diseases.	Image 5
6. Smoking can cause a slow and painful death.	Image 6
7. Smoking provokes skin aging.	Image 7
8. Smoking can damage the sperm quality and lower fertility.	Image 8
9. Smoking slows blood circulation and causes impotence.	Image 9
10. Cigarette smoke contains benzene, nitrosamine and cyanide.	Image 10
11. Smoking during pregnancy harms your baby.	Image 11
12. Protect children: do not let them breathe your smoke.	Image 12
13. Your doctor or pharmacist can help you quit smoking.	Image 13
14. In order to quit smoking , consult your doctor or pharmacist.	Image 14

Images 1-14 representing the combined Warnings used on the tobacco packages are found in the Official Journal of Romania, Part I, no. 291, from May 3, 2007, on pages 13 – 15.

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