

INSTRUCTIONS OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH N° 20/10 OF 10/05/2005 RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF NON-SMOKERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT AGAINST ADVERSE EFFECTS OF TOBACCO

The Minister for Health;

Given the Presidential Order N° 13/01 of 25/05/2005 ratifying the World Health Organisation Framework-Convention on Tobacco Control;

Given that tobacco has adverse consequences on non-smokers, smokers and to the environment;

After consideration and approval by Cabinet, meeting in its session of 9th July 2004;

INSTRUCTS:

CHAPTER I: PROTECTION OF NON-SMOKERS

Article one:

This Ministerial instruction is intended to protect both non-smokers and the environment against the hazardous effects of tobacco smoking in public places.

Article 2:

It is prohibited to smoke in public places, except in the places specifically reserved to smokers.

A notice must be set up in a conspicuous place with a clear and quite visible message stating that it is prohibited to smoke. The notice must have at least fifty centimeters (50 cm) for each dimensional side, and the message must be in red color on a white background. In addition to the sign indicating that it is prohibited to smoke, the notice must contain the words: "**IT IS PROHIBITED TO SMOKE HERE**" in Kinyarwanda, French and English languages.

Article 3:

It is prohibited to smoke in places where many people gather, particularly in: schools,

- hospitals,
- sports grounds,
- airports,
- hotels,
- night clubs,
- restaurants and bars,
- offices and in places of group work, as well as
- vehicles serving as means of public transport.

Article 4:

Nevertheless, a special room/area beside each place where it is prohibited to smoke must be reserved for smokers.

The place reserved to smokers must be sufficiently ventilated. In each building and each hotel, rooms reserved to smokers must be distanced from the place where it is not allowed to smoke. Rooms reserved to smokers should not occupy more than 20% of the space of other rooms.

Article 5:

The present instruction relate to all kinds of tobacco, either those emitting smoke or those that do not.

Article 6:

It is prohibited to smoke in the rooms intended for children of less than eighteen (18) years. Moreover, children of this age are not authorized to smoke and or stay in places reserved to smokers.

Article 7:

It is prohibited to carry out trade of tobacco or its products in the following places:

- Health Centers;
- Pharmacies;
- Centers for children;
- Schools; and
- Sports grounds.

CHAPTER II: PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST TOBACCO

Article 8:

A pregnant and breastfeeding woman is strongly advised against smoking.

Article 9:

Anyone in charge of care for children under the age of five (5), is strongly advised against smoking during working hours.

CHAPTER III: PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Article 10:

All tobacco packages must be of a nature that can rot during a period not exceeding six (6) months.

Article 11:

It is prohibited to throw tobacco remains or filters in a place not reserved for that purpose.

Article 12:

The present instructions come into force the day on which they are signed.

Done in Kigali, on 10/05/2005

The Minister for Health
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