

*Ministry of Public Health*

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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Montevideo, 5 June 2009

IN VIEW OF the provisions of Act No. 18.256 of 6 March 2008 and Decree No. 284/008 of 9 June 2008,

FROM WHICH IT RESULTS, I) that article 9 of Act No. 18.256 states that "all packets and packages of tobacco products and any outside packaging and labelling of such products shall carry health warnings and pictures or pictograms describing the harmful effects of tobacco use and may include other appropriate messages. These warnings and messages shall be approved by the Ministry of Public Health, and be clear, visible and legible. They should occupy at least 50% of the principal display areas;

II) that the determination of the content and size of the corresponding health warnings shall be left to the discretion of the State,

CONSIDERING that, as specified in article 44 of the Constitution, it is the duty of the State to legislate upon all matters concerning public health and hygiene with a view to promoting the physical, moral and social well-being of the population.

MINDFUL OF the above, and of the provisions of article 44 of the Constitution, and of the provisions of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, and of article 11 of Institutional Act No. 9.202 on public health dated 12 January 1934, and of article 9 of Act No. 18.256 dated 6 March 2008, and of article 12 of Decree No. 284/008 of 9 June 2008, and of any other amendments and concurrent provisions,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
Acting through the Council of Ministers

DECREES:

Article 1: The health warnings that are to be used on tobacco product packaging, including the pictures and/or pictograms and messages, shall occupy the lower 80% (eighty per cent) of both principal faces of each packet of cigarettes and, in general, of any packet or packaging of tobacco products and any packaging or labelling of similar nature.

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Translated from Spanish(unofficial translation)

Article 2: This Decree shall enter into force 180 (one hundred and eighty) days after its publication in the Official Journal.

Article 3: In its capacity as the State "health police", the Ministry of Public Health shall have the power to impose the sanctions specified under current regulations where violations of these provisions occur.

Article 4: The provisions of this decree shall be promulgated and made public.

Internal Decree No.

Executive Decree No.

Ref. No 001-1950/2009

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(Signed) Dr. Tabaré Vázquez  
President of the Republic