
MINISTRY OF PEOPLE'S POWER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA

MINISTRY OF PEOPLE'S POWER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

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198th and 150th year**RESOLUTION**

Through the exercise of the attributions conferred upon me by Decree No. 5.353, dated May 17, 2007, published in the *Gaceta Oficial* ['Official Gazette'] of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, No. 38.685 of the same date, and Decree No. 6.627, dated March 03, 2009, published in the *Gaceta Oficial* of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela[,] No. 39.130, dated March 03 of the same year, pursuant to what is set forth in Article 77, item 19 of the Decree on the Range, Value and Force of the Organic Law of Public Administration: Article 17, item 10 of Decree No. 6.626, dated March 03, 2009 on the Organization and Functioning of National Public Administration, published in the *Gaceta Oficial* of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, No. 39.130, dated March 03, 2009, in accordance with what is set forth in Articles 5, 11 item 1 and 27, item 5 of the Organic Law of Health.

WHEREAS

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that the images associated with health warnings that are placed on cigarette packs should be changed every two years in order to have an impact on the cigarette-smoking public.

WHEREAS

In our country, the aforesaid images have not been changed since the entry into force of Resolution No. 110, dated March 22, 2004, published in the *Gaceta Oficial* of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, No. 37.904, dated March 23, 2004, whereby packs and packages of cigarettes are regulated.

RESOLVES

Article 1. The purpose of this Resolution is to replace the ten (10) images appearing on cigarette packs, regulated in Article 4 of Resolution No. 110, dated March 22, 2004, published in the *Gaceta Oficial* of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.904, dated March 23, 2004.

Article 2. On "hard" cigarette packs, the health warning must be located on the rear side thereof, adhering to the dimensions indicated in Resolution No. 110, dated March 22, 2004, published in the *Gaceta Oficial* of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37.904, dated March 23, 2004.

Article 3. The new images are to be published on the website of the Ministry of People's Power for Health "www.mpps.gob.ve" as of the date of publication of this Resolution in the *Gaceta Oficial* of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Article 4. Companies that produce and import cigarettes shall have a period of three (03) months to comply with what is set forth in this Resolution, counting from the date of its publication in the *Gaceta Oficial* of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Article 5. This Resolution shall enter into force as of its publication in the *Gaceta Oficial* of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Let notification hereof be given, and let this be published.

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