

**KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA
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Council of Minister
Ministry of Environment
No. 344 D.MoE

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**CIRCULAR
ON
SMOKING BAN IN WORKPLACES AND MEETING HALLS**

With reference to the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

With reference to the Council of Ministers' letter No. 1270 A. dated August 19, 1994, concerning the policy of cigarette smoking prohibition in public workplaces, meeting halls, and theaters.

With reference to the workshop on September 14-17-18 and 21, 2007, which presented that cigarette smoking can result in lung cancer, strokes, mouth cancer, heart attack, atherosclerosis, and stomach and bladder cancers to smokers and second-hand smokers, and, for pregnant women, the cigarette smoke can result in underweight and physical defects to newborn babies. In short, cigarette smoking and inhalation of second-hand smoke severely impact the health and environment, causing loss to family budgets and the national economy.

In order to implement the poverty reduction policy of the Royal Government, and particularly to improve the health of public providers of the Ministry of Environment to quit the smoking habit, the Ministry of Environment would like to provide instruction on the implementation of a smoking ban as follows:

- 1- Prohibit cigarette smoking in offices, meeting halls, accommodations of environmental rangers, bathrooms, and corridors of the workplace.
- 2- Request the participation in raising awareness on the health impact of cigarette smoking in order to prevent or to reduce smoking and to quit the smoking habit completely.

Meanwhile, if any units at the central level, the provincial departments, offices of conservative areas at provinces and cities, under the Ministry of Environment, believe that it is impossible to eliminate cigarette smoking completely, it is requested that a separate place is set aside for smokers so as to avoid any health impacts on other non-smokers. Also, educational materials on the health impacts of cigarette smoking shall be posted.

3- In the event of any violation of the above circular, the individuals shall be educated.

All units at the central level, the provincial departments, offices of conservative areas at the provinces/cities, under the Ministry of Environment, shall implement this directive effectively.

Senior Minister, Minister of Environment

Signed and sealed: MOK MARETH

CC:

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- Relevant Ministries
- Non-governmental Organizations
"For information"
- All Units at the central level
- Provincial/Municipal Department of Environment
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