

**Royal Government of Cambodia
National Authority for Combating Drugs
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**Circular
On
Measures to Prevent and Terminate Consumptions, Sales, and Imports of SHISHA
and E-Cigarette in the Kingdom of Cambodia**

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Having noticed the widely and publicly spread of consumptions, sales, and imports of SHISHA and E-Cigarette in Cambodia, mainly in Phnom Penh and some towns within the last few months leading to desire to taste and consume among youth, local authorities, policy implementers, and publics especially youth's parents have expressed their strong reaction and concern. Generally people believe that SHIHA and E-Cigarette are types of newly invented drugs mentally spoiling youth who are the future of the nation, causing them to give up their studies, jobs, and finally this will lead to serious impacts on society.

Despite SHISHA and E-Cigarette do not contain drug substances specified in appendix of the Law on Drugs Control but they contain large amount of nicotine causing more serious health hazard than cigarette while on the other hand materials, attitude and how to use SHISHA and E-Cigarette are quite convenient and attractive leading to the desire to use them. This could lead to the other forms of drugs abuse when they mix drugs with the aforementioned products and this will also lead to difficulties in taking action if there is drug distributions and consumptions together with SHISHA and E-Cigarette business.

In response to the above issues together with permission and guiding from the Royal Government, the National Authority for Combating Drugs would like to advise all ministries, institutions, members of the National Authority for Combating Drugs, provincial-town Drugs Control Committees, and all levels of relevant competent authorities to:

1. Take immediate action to terminate all forms of consumptions and sales of SHISHA and E-Cigarette by confiscating those prohibited products. Confiscation of SHISHA and E-Cigarette shall not affect other legitimate businesses.
2. Terminate and restrain all forms of the sales and imports of SHISHA and E-Cigarette. There shall be widely dissemination of the banning on consumptions to youth and the banning on imports to vendors and publics.
3. All ministries, institutions, members of the National Authority for Combating Drugs, provincial-town Drugs Control Committees, and all levels of relevant competent authorities shall report the status of implementation of this circular to the National

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Authority for Combating Drugs in order to prepare comprehensive report to the Royal Government.

Upon receiving of this circular, all ministries, institutions, members of the National Authority for Combating Drugs, provincial-town Drugs Control Committees, and all levels of relevant competent authorities shall strictly and effectively implement this circular from the date of signature.

Phnom Penh, 25 February, 2014
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Recipients:

- Cabinet of the Prime Minister
- All Ministries-Institutions
- All Provincial-Town Drugs Control Committees
- Documentations-Archives