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**Notification**

This is to notify the general public that the following provision in the Tobacco Control Act of Bhutan 2010 (Act) has been amended by the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Act of Bhutan 2021:

Sections 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 32, 34, 35(a), 35 (b), 43 (a), 47, 50, 50A and 51

With the amendment of certain provisions in the Act coming into force from 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021 the Bhutan Narcotics Control Authority would like to request the General Public and Institutions to comply and adhere to the following interim measures put in place for effective implementation of the Act until the Bhutan Narcotics Control Authority comes out with the Revised Rules and Regulations for the Act:

1. Only Micro General Shops, including “pan” shops, and grocery retailers shall be allowed to sell tobacco and tobacco products;
2. Bhutan Duty Free Limited shall make available its existing tobacco stock to the authorized Micro General Shops for tobacco and tobacco products;
3. Authorized tobacco shops and tobacco wholesale dealers shall be the only entities permitted to import the products;
4. The dealers and sellers shall maintain daily records of tobacco and tobacco products that are imported and sold, along with the prices and information of the buyers;
5. Sale of tobacco and tobacco products is prohibited to persons below 18 years of age and non-adherence shall be dealt with severe penalty;
6. The seller shall seek an identification card or a proof of age of the buyer and the buyer shall produce them;
7. In order to discourage curious and experimental attempts, sale of loose cigarette sticks shall not be permitted.
8. The authorized dealers and sellers shall not display or advertise tobacco and tobacco products on the counters or any other media channels;
9. The sale of tobacco and tobacco products within the vicinity of schools, hospitals, clinics, BHUs, monasteries, Dzongs and private as well as public heritage sites shall remain prohibited and enforcement will be further reinforced;
10. Consuming tobacco and tobacco products beyond the designated area is strictly prohibited; and
11. The compliance to the interim measures shall be constantly monitored by Bhutan Narcotics Control Authority, Royal Bhutan Police, Department of Revenue and Customs, Department of Trade and other stakeholders as mandated by the Act.

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