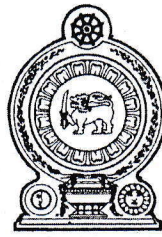


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General Circular 20-01-43/2020.

To:

DDG National Hospital of Sri Lanka Colombo / Kandy,  
All Provincial Directors of Health Services,  
All Regional Directors of Health Services,  
Directors of Line Ministry Hospitals and Institutions,

**Prohibition of using and selling Betel, Tobacco and Arecanut related products and prohibition of smoking in the premises of state health institutions**

Non communicable diseases (NCDs) are the major causes for morbidity and mortality in Sri Lanka. Tobacco use (Tobacco smoking and use of smokeless Tobacco) is one of the major behavioural risk factors of NCDs. In addition, Tobacco smoking results in over 20,000 deaths annually in Sri Lanka.

The National Non-Communicable disease risk factor survey (STEPS survey), 2015 reported that 26% of Sri Lankan adults were current users of any form of tobacco (smoked or smokeless), with a higher use among men (46%). Current smoking was found among 29% of males and smokeless tobacco use was found among 26% of males and 5% of females.

Considering the burden of Tobacco use in the country and the importance of promoting tobacco prevention and cessation, Ministry of Public Administration and Disaster Management has issued a Public Administration Circular No: 08/99 dated 18/03/1999 prohibiting smoking in state institutions and Public Administration Circular No: 11/2019 dated 06/05/2019 prohibiting the use and selling of betel, tobacco and arecanut related products in the premises of state institutions (the circulars are attached herewith for your perusal).

Please take necessary actions to follow these afore-mentioned circulars. Please note that it is the responsibility of the Head of the Institution to monitor the implementation of these circulars.

  
Dr. S. Shridharan

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Public Administration Circular : 11/2019

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**Prohibition of using and selling of Betel, Tobacco and Areca nut related  
Products in the Premises of State Institutions**

Further to the Public Administration Circular 08/99 dated 18.03.1999 on Prohibition of Smoking in State Institutions.

02. Since it has been prohibited by the Gazette Extraordinary of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No 1982/33, to produce, import, sale and presenting to sell smokeless tobacco products, it has been decided by the Cabinet of Ministers at the meeting held on 12.03.2019 to take actions as follows as a measure of reducing the risk of mouth cancer which is high among males in Sri Lanka.

03. Accordingly,

- I. Using and selling of betel, tobacco and areca nut related products in the premises of State Institutions is prohibited.
- II. Sale of betel, tobacco and areca nut related products in canteens of these institutions should be prohibited.

04. Heads of the State Institutions should ensure the adherence to these provisions.

Sgd/J.J. Rathnasiri  
Secretary  
Ministry of Public Administration &  
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Public Administration Circular No : 08/99

My No : E/IV/6/27 (II)  
Ministry of Public Administration, Home  
Affairs and Plantation Industries,  
Independence Square,  
Colombo 07.

18th March 1999

To Secretaries of All Ministries  
Chief Secretaries of Provincial Councils,  
Heads of Departments and  
Heads of Public Corporation/Statutory Boards

### **Prohibition of Smoking in State Institutions**

It has been decided to implement forthwith the following administrative arrangements, taking into consideration the recommendations presented by the Presidential Task Force on Tobacco, Alcohol and Illicit Drugs.

- I. Smoking in all State institutions should be prohibited.
- II. Sale of cigarettes and tobacco based products in canteens of these institutions should be stopped.
- III. Advertising in any form for the promotion of smoking within State institutions should be prohibited.
- IV. Accepting sponsorship by State institutions from those who promote smoking should be prohibited.

02. Please take steps to comply with the above arrangements.

Sgd/PA. Senaratne  
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