REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Public notice

<u>Purpose:</u> Banning of water-pipe tobacco smoking known as *SHISHA* TOBACCO in Rwanda

Pursuant to the WHO advisory note concerning water-pipe tobacco smoking: health effects and recommended actions for regulators. The note expressed that *Shisha tobacco* smoking is damaging, addictive and dangerous on human lives. The smoke that emerges from a water-pipe contains numerous toxicants known to cause lung cancer, heart diseases, just to name a few.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Health informs general public that the use, advertisement and import of water-pipe tobacco smoking known as SHISHA TOBACCO is banned on Rwandan territory effective from 15th December, 2017.

Failure to comply with this notice, sanctions as provided by the law will be applied.

Done at Kigali, on ... 14 | 121 2017

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