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**Ministry of Health**

**TOBACCO CONTROL UNIT**

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**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

## **NOTICE TO TOBACCO LICENCE HOLDERS**

**ROTATION OF THE HEALTH MESSAGES AND IMAGES  
ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE 2 OF THE  
TOBACCO CONTROL REGULATIONS AS AMENDED**

The Ministry of Health advises that **Regulation 6(1)** of the Tobacco Control Regulations (as amended) requires that the distinct health messages and images be divided into two distinct sets. Therefore, each set shall comprise eight health messages and images as outlined in **Schedule 1** of the Regulations as Set A and Set B and the sets shall be rotated in accordance with Schedule 2 of the Regulations.

The Ministry further advises in accordance with the Regulations, as follows:

- (a) Year 1 – The use of Set A health messages and images commenced on September 26, 2022 and will end on September 25, 2023. The phasing out period of the exclusive use of Set A and introduction of Set B, is to commence with effect from **May 26, 2023 (during the phasing out period, health messages and images from both Sets A and B may be on the market);**
- (a) Year 2 – The use of Set B will exclusively commence on **September 26, 2023** and will end on **September 25, 2024. The phasing out period of the exclusive use of Set B and (re)introduction of Set A, is to commence on September 26, 2024 and the yearly rotation will accordingly continue as such.**



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Moreover, the Ministry advises that **Regulation 9(3)(b)** of the Regulations requires that the health messages and images are depicted on cigarette dispensers and rotated in accordance with **Schedule 2** of the Regulations. In this regard, the Ministry has, by policy guidelines, required the rotation of one (front and back) health message and image on all cigarette dispensers, per month.

The Act and Regulations are available on the Ministry of Health's website, ([www.health.gov.tt](http://www.health.gov.tt)). The Tobacco Control Unit may be contacted by telephone at (868) 226-7778 Ext 6005-6009 or Email [tobaccocontrolunit@health.gov.tt](mailto:tobaccocontrolunit@health.gov.tt) to clarify any concerns.



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