



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Licensing of Importers of Tobacco Products and Electronic Cigarettes under Section 25 of the Tobacco Control Act 2010.

Members of the public are advised that no importer or person, partnership, corporation or other entity shall conduct on any premises the business of importation of tobacco products or e-cigarettes without first obtaining a tobacco control manufacture or Importation licence upon payment of the fee specified in Schedule 3 of the Tobacco Control Act 2010 ('Act').

Applicants applying for a licence are required to submit:

- A completed and signed licensing form at the nearest Ministry of Health & Medical Services facility
- Each application must be accompanied with a certified copy of the Tax Registration Number, company or business registration for the same location.

For a new importer:

- A certified copy of the General Bonded Warehouse or Excise Warehouse Bond Certificate, issued by Fiji Revenue & Customs Service;
- A list of all brands of tobacco products to be imported must be included with the Application.
- A licence issued under the Act is only valid with respect to the importer designated on the licence and may not be transferred or assigned to another person or importer.

Pursuant to Section 25(5) of the Act, any person or company that operates without a license commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000.

Importing tobacco products including e-cigarettes via online and bringing them into the country via courier agencies or postal agencies without an import licence is prohibited. Illegal importation of any tobacco products including e-cigarette will result in the Fiji Revenue & Customs Service officers detaining the consignment or package at the border control.

Please take note that the Fiji Revenue Customs Service has powers under the Customs [Prohibited Imports & Exports] Regulations 1986 to detain any tobacco products including e-cigarettes.

According to the Tobacco Control Regulations 2012, tobacco products is defined as any tobacco, cigarette, cigar, piped tobacco, cigarillos or any other product which has as its main ingredient, tobacco and which is designed for human consumption by smoking.

If you have any queries please contact the Tobacco Control & Enforcement Unit on telephone 3314988 or via email on kasanita.kalisogo@health.gov.fj

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