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Law passage date
2011

Expected implementation date
2012

Package coverage
Health warnings are required to cover 50% of the front and 50% of the back of the package. Overall, 50% of the package space is appropriated to health warnings. The text of the warnings appears in Arabic on the front of the package and English on the back.

Rotation schedule and history
Six warnings are used on tobacco packages. Two warnings are specifically meant for waterpipe tobacco packages.

Restrictions on misleading information
Misleading descriptors such as “light” and “mild” are prohibited from appearing on packages.

WARNINGS 2012

- Cigarettes contain more than 4000 toxic substances and causes death
- Passive smoking affects fetus and leads to growth retardation and premature labor
- Smoking increases risk of more than 25 diseases including cancer and cardiovascular disease
- It is more dangerous than you think
- Smoking causes early death
- Shisha Smoking is as harmful as other types of tobacco