

Dear Health Service Panel Member,

Regarding the policy focuses on enlarging the graphic health warning on the cigarettes packs, I do not support it and I deem that it's inefficient and unnecessary.

The graphic health warning is already printed on every pack of tobacco sold, and what's the point to enlarge it? Afraid that people can't see it? But apparently the present graphic health warning is big enough that general public can easily spot it.

On top of that, having the graphic health warning taking too much area of the pack, and diminishing the area of other information printed on tobacco pack, makes it harder for people to see the content i.e. 0.4mg nicotine, 5mg tar, of the tobacco they want to buy. And that gives a higher chance of people buying stronger tobacco than they want.

Since the graphic health warning is printed on the cigarette pack, it is targeting smokers. If the policy is to make the tobacco less appealing to smokers, smokers can always transfer the tobacco to another container to avoid it, again showing the inefficiency of the policy. If the smokers don't want to quit by their own will, it's not going to change their mind by making the tobacco pack more disturbing.

To be frank, I don't see the scientific reasons behind this policy that can help smokers quit smoking etc., and yet the government has provided no scientific support either.

Regards,  
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