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PRESS RELEASE

A Generational Ban on Tobacco takes effect in the Maldives today, marking a historic milestone in the nation's efforts to protect public health and promote a tobacco-free generation.

The measure, enacted through the Second Amendment to the Tobacco Control Act (Act No. 15/2010) and ratified by His Excellency President Dr Mohamed Muizzu, makes the Maldives the first country in the world to enforce a nationwide generational tobacco ban.

Under the new provision, individuals born on or after 1 January 2007 are prohibited from purchasing, using, or being sold tobacco products within the Maldives. The ban applies to all forms of tobacco, and retailers are required to verify age prior to sale.

The Maldives also maintains a comprehensive ban on the import, sale, distribution, possession, and use of electronic cigarettes and vaping products, applicable to all individuals regardless of age.

The Generational Ban on Tobacco reflects the Government's strong commitment to protecting young people from the harms of tobacco and aligns with the Maldives' obligations under the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).

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