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**Prohibition of using and selling of Betel, Tobacco and Areca nut related
Products in the Premises of State Institutions**

Further to the Public Administration Circular 08/99 dated 18.03.1999 on Prohibition of Smoking in State Institutions.

02. Since it has been prohibited by the Gazette Extraordinary of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No 1982/33, to produce, import, sale and presenting to sell smokeless tobacco products, it has been decided by the Cabinet of Ministers at the meeting held on 12.03.2019 to take actions as follows as a measure of reducing the risk of mouth cancer which is high among males in Sri Lanka.

03. Accordingly,

- I. Using and selling of betel, tobacco and areca nut related products in the premises of State Institutions is prohibited.
- II. Sale of betel, tobacco and areca nut related products in canteens of these institutions should be prohibited.

04. Heads of the State Institutions should ensure the adherence to these provisions.

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