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To: All Owners and Operators of Nightclubs, Bars, Lounges, and
Similar Entertainment Establishments

Subject: Immediate Prohibition on the Sale and Use of Shisha (Hookah)
Products

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The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI), in collaboration with the relevant Government agencies responsible for public health, consumer protection, and law enforcement, hereby informs all owners and operators of nightclubs, bars, lounges, and similar entertainment establishments that the sale, distribution, promotion, and use of **Shisha (Hookah)** in their premises is hereby prohibited with immediate effect.

This directive is issued in the interest of protecting public health and ensuring compliance with the applicable laws and regulations of the Republic of Liberia governing the **sale and use of regulated tobacco and related products**.

Accordingly, all nightclubs and bar owners are instructed to:

1. Immediately cease the sale, distribution, and promotion of Shisha products.
2. Remove all Shisha equipment and related products from their business premises.
3. Prohibit patrons from smoking or consuming Shisha within their establishments.
4. Ensure that management and staff strictly enforce this directive.

The Ministry wishes to make it unequivocally clear that any nightclub, bar, lounge, or entertainment establishment found selling Shisha or permitting customers to smoke or consume Shisha on its premises shall be subject to enforcement actions, including but not limited to:

1. Immediate closure of the establishment;
2. Payment of applicable fines in accordance with the laws and statutes of the Republic of Liberia;
3. Suspension or withdrawal of the establishment's business license; and
4. Any additional administrative or legal sanctions deemed appropriate by the competent authorities.

The Ministry will conduct routine and unannounced inspections to ensure full compliance with this directive. Business owners are therefore urged to cooperate fully and take immediate corrective action to avoid penalties.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry appreciates your cooperation and commitment.

Failure to comply with this directive will result in the full force of the law being invoked.

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