Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare The Republic of El Salvador

Messrs Directors SIBASI Region

Ministerial Resolution No. 1303 has been issued today stating: San Salvador, 30 May 2005. The Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, in accordance with article 48.2 of the internal rules and regulations of the Executive Branch, this State Ministry, believing that the consumption of tobacco products causes serious and harmful effects on the health of the population and that the smoke from such products contains a number of substances that are also highly toxic for non-smokers; and with a view to promoting tobacco-free spaces and protecting non-smokers and the general public,

DECIDES to prohibit the consumption of cigarettes and other tobacco products in all health establishments and all administrative facilities and technical offices of the public health and social welfare sector, and to require all officials responsible for the oversight and management of these facilities to take appropriate and necessary action to disseminate and comply with the aforementioned.

Ministerial Resolution No. 451 of 26 June 1991 is hereby abrogated. For promulgation. The Minister of Public Health and Social Welfare (F) "Maza B".

GOD, UNION, LIBERTY

(<u>Stamped and signed</u>) DR. JOSĒ GUILLERMO MAZA BRIZUELA MINISTER