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Tobacco companies are hindering to amend the TC Law

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has taken initiatives to strengthen the existing Tobacco Control law through amendments to achieve the tobacco-free Bangladesh declared by the Prime Minister. However, recently National Board of Revenue (NBR) has sent a letter to the secretary of the health service department expressing concern about the implementation of this draft amendment. According to the letter, some provisions related to the production, sale and consumption of tobacco products in the proposed draft are very difficult to apply in the socio-economic context of Bangladesh. NBR mentioned in the letter that there is a danger of continuing to supply products through illicit trade. In this regard, it is suggested in the letter that the benefits can be obtained if awareness raising activities are strengthened. Recently British American Tobacco Bangladesh (BATB) sent a letter to the National Board of Revenue (NBR) asking the govt body to interfere on its behalf in the ongoing amendment of tobacco control law.

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