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## **SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT GOES INTO EFFECT SOON AT BC FERRIES**

VICTORIA – BC Ferries is pleased to advise customers that the company will be introducing a smoke-free environment in all BC Ferries locations, including terminals and vessels starting January 22, 2018. This also includes the interior of all vehicles on BC Ferries property.

“This new policy supports the health and wellness of our customers and our employees by reducing exposure to second-hand smoke,” said Mark Collins, BC Ferries’ President and CEO. “The policy aligns with other transportation services and ensures everyone using our services can breathe smoke-free air.”

The new smoke-free policy applies to tobacco and any other substance including e-cigarettes, and is expected to reduce the number of complaints BC Ferries receives from customers related to second-hand smoke. BC Ferries will make regular announcements regarding the new policy on board the vessels and at the terminals, and will place signage on board the vessels and on shore as a reminder of the new policy.

BC Ferries first provided advanced notice of the policy change last summer to give customers and employees who smoke time to adjust to this change. For more information on the upcoming changes, visit [bcferries.com](http://bcferries.com).

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