

Tekst 8

- 1p 27 "One teacher was reportedly given an official warning" (laatste alinea)
Waarom?
Dit gebeurde omdat hij of zij
- A in de klas stiekem sigaretten had gerookt.
 - B in het bezit was van gestolen sigaretten.
 - C niet al zijn sigaretten in de asbak had uitgemaakt.
 - D niet het voorgeschreven merk sigaretten had gerookt.



Get Smoking!

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LOCAL government officials in China have been ordered to smoke nearly a quarter of a million packets of cigarettes to boost the local economy during the global financial crisis.

The edict, issued by officials in Hubei province in central China, threatens to fine officials who 'fail to meet their targets' or are caught smoking rival brands manufactured in neighbouring provinces.

Even local schools have been issued with a smoking quota for teachers, while one village was ordered to buy 400 cartons of cigarettes a year for its officials,

according to the local government's website.

The edict, which flies in the face of national anti-smoking policies from Beijing, is aimed at boosting tax revenues. In total, officials have been ordered to puff their way through 230,000 packets of Hubei-branded cigarettes worth £400,000.

Local authorities are taking the cigarette quota seriously and have established a 'special task force' to enforce it. One teacher was reportedly given an official warning after a spot check found rival brand cigarette butts in an ashtray.

The Daily Telegraph

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