

# 2020 - CORE QUESTIONNAIRE OF THE REPORTING INSTRUMENT OF WHO FCTC

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## Period of reporting:

	Month	Year
Start date	January (1)	2018 (19)
End date	2011 (12)	2019 (20)

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## B1. TOBACCO CONSUMPTION

### Prevalence of tobacco use

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#### Smoking prevalence in the adult population (all)

*(Please provide prevalence data for total adult population, and identify the age considered, e.g. 15 years old and over, 18-64 years; see B112)*

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#### Current smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)	Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day
MALE	16.8	
FEMALE	5.3	
TOTAL (males and females)	11.0	

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## Daily smokers

	<b>Prevalence (%)</b> <b>(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)</b>	<b>Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day</b>
MALE	11.0	
FEMALE	3.1	
TOTAL (males and females)	7.0	

## Occasional smokers

	<b>Prevalence (%)</b> <b>(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)</b>
MALE	18.4
FEMALE	7.0
TOTAL (males and females)	12.7

## Former smokers

	<b>Prevalence (%)</b> <b>(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)</b>
MALE	5.0
FEMALE	1.7
TOTAL (males and females)	3.3

## Never smokers

**Prevalence (%)**  
**(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)**

MALE	57.9
FEMALE	81.4
TOTAL (males and females)	69.7

Please indicate the smoking tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B11:

CIGARETTES

Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question B11 refer:

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Age range	12	65

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B11:

2016

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B11:

Jamaica National Drug Use Prevalence Survey 2016 - Technical Report

Please provide the definitions of “current smoker”, “daily smoker”, “occasional smoker”, “former smoker” and “never smoker” used in this report.

Current smoker	The definitions used were taken from the Global Tobacco Surveillance System
Daily smoker	The definitions used were taken from the Global Tobacco Surveillance System
Occasional smoker	The definitions used were taken from the Global Tobacco Surveillance System
Former smoker	The definitions used were taken from the Global Tobacco Surveillance System
Never smoker	The definitions used were taken from the Global Tobacco Surveillance System

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in smoking prevalence in the adult population in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

There has been a decline in smoking prevalence among males while prevalence among females has not changed significantly. National Drug Prevalence surveys (General population) are conducted on an infrequent basis. The last national survey prior to 2016 was in 2001.

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## Smoking prevalence in the adult population (by age groups)

(If data are available, please provide prevalence data by age group, and identify the age group considered, preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44 years)

	Range - start age	Range - end age	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0
MALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	18	24	19
MALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	25	34	19
MALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	35	44	24
MALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	45	54	16
MALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	55	65	19
FEMALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0
FEMALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	18	24	7
FEMALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	25	34	6
FEMALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	35	44	7
FEMALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	45	54	4
FEMALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	55	65	5
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	18	24	13
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	25	34	12
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	35	44	15
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	45	54	10
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	55	65	12

Please indicate the smoking tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B12:

Cigarette

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Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B12:

2016

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Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B12:

National Drug Prevalence Survey 2016

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Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in current smoking prevalence by age group in the past two years or since submission of your last report, if data are available.

There has been a decline in smoking prevalence in the adult population

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## **Prevalence of smokeless tobacco use in the adult population (all)**

*(Please provide prevalence data for total adult population, and identify the age considered in B132, e.g. 15 years old and over, 18–64 years; see B132)*

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### **Males**

**Prevalence (%)**

**(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)**

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### **Females**

**Prevalence (%)**

**(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)**

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### **TOTAL (males and females)**

**Prevalence (%)**

**(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)**

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Please indicate the smokeless tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B13:

We have no data available

Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question B13 refer:

**From To**

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B13:

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B13:

Please provide the definitions of “current user”, “daily user”, “occasional user”, “former user” and “never user” (of smokeless tobacco products) used in this report in the space below.

Current user  
Daily user  
Occasional user  
Former user  
Never user

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in smokeless tobacco use in the adult population in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

We have no data available.

## Prevalence of smokeless tobacco use in the adult population (current users) by age group (by age groups)

*(If data are available, please provide prevalence data by age group, and identify the age group considered, preferably by 10-year categories, e.g. 25-34, 35-44 years)*

Range - start age	Range - end age	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
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Please indicate the smokeless tobacco products included in the answer to question B14:

We have no data available.

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Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B14:

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Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B14:

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Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in current use of smokeless tobacco by adult age groups in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

We have no data available.

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## Tobacco use by ethnic group(s)

(please include all smoking or smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

<b>Ethnic group(s)</b>	<b>MALES - Prevalence (%)</b>	<b>FEMALES - Prevalence (%)</b>	<b>TOTAL (males and females) - Prevalence (%)</b>
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Please indicate the tobacco products included in the answer to question B15:

No disaggregation by ethnicity.

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Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question B15 refer:

**From To**

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Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B15:

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Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B15:

## Tobacco use by young persons

(please include all smoking or smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

	<b>Age range</b>	<b>SMOKING TOBACCO - Prevalence (%)</b>	<b>SMOKELESS TOBACCO - Prevalence (%)</b>	<b>WATER PIPE - Prevalence (%)</b>
BOYS - Current users <sup>4</sup>	13-15	25.5		13.9
GIRLS - Current users <sup>4</sup>	13-15	13.4		6.6
TOTAL (boys and girls) - Current users <sup>4</sup>	13-15	19.3		10.1

Please indicate the tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question B16:

Smoking tobacco includes cigarettes; and "other tobacco" includes all other types of tobacco products except cigarettes

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B16:

2017

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B16:

Global School Health Survey - 2017 - Jamaica

Please provide the definition of "current smoking/tobacco use" used to answer question B16 in the space below.

Percentage of students who currently used any tobacco products (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)

Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in tobacco use by young persons in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

This is difficult to determine given that the 2017 Global Youth Tobacco Survey data was not representative of the youth population (based on <60% response rate) so trend analysis could not be conducted in comparison with the previous rounds (2001, 2006, 2010).

Given the differences in methodology/calculation for the Global School Health Survey - trend analysis could not be determined. Another round of the GYTS is to be conducted in the next two years.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

## Use of novel and emerging tobacco and nicotine products

Age range	Heated tobacco products (HTPs) - Prevalence (%)	Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) - Prevalence (%)	Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS) - Prevalence (%)	Other products - Prevalence (%)

## B2-B9. HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### Exposure to tobacco smoke

Do you have any data on exposure to tobacco smoke in your population?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below (e.g. exposure by gender, at home, in the workplace, on public transport).

65.6% (69.8% boys and 61.7% girls) of students, aged 13-15 years old reported people smoking in their presence one or more days during the past seven days

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B21:

2017

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B21:  
Global School Based Student Health Survey 2017

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Tobacco-related mortality

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Do you have information on tobacco-related mortality in your population?

Yes ✓

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What is the estimated total number of deaths attributable to tobacco use in your population?

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If available, please provide any additional information on mortality attributable to tobacco use (e.g. lung cancer, cardiovascular diseases) in your jurisdiction.

Cardiovascular disease 38 per 100,000; all malignant neoplasms 39 per 100,000; trachea, bronchus, lung cancer 22 per 100,000; respiratory disease 67 per 100,000. Total deaths attributable to tobacco use in Jamaica is estimated to be 155 per 100,000 population (We have no new data).

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Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B32 and 33:

2004

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Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions B32 and B33:

World Health Organization Global Report on Mortality Attributable to Tobacco - data reported for 2004. The age group is 30 years old and over (country report) .

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Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

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## Tobacco-related costs

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Do you have information on the economic burden of tobacco use in your population, e.g. the overall cost of tobacco use imposed on your society?

No ✘

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Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

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# Supply of tobacco and tobacco products

*(with reference to Articles 6.2(b), 20.4(c), and 15.5)*

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## Licit supply of tobacco products

	<b>Product</b>	<b>Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)</b>	<b>Domestic production</b>	<b>Retail sales</b>	<b>Exports</b>	<b>Imports</b>
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes	kilograms				1,077,570
Smoking tobacco products	Cigars cheroots and cigarillos containing tobacco	kilograms			63	17,564
Smoking tobacco products	Smoking tobacco containing tobacco in any proportion	kilograms				3877
Smoking tobacco products	Tobacco partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	kilograms			1	42,065
Smoking tobacco products	Tobacco manufacturers nesoi tobacco extracts and essences	kilograms				66
Smoking tobacco products	Cigars cheroots cigarillos of tobacco substitutes	kilograms			19	171
Other tobacco products	cigarettes containing tobacco substitutes	kilograms			26,320	815
Other tobacco products	Tobacco not stemmed/stripped	kilograms			23	684
Other tobacco products	Smoking tobacco containing tobacco substitute in any proportion	kilograms			16	1044
Other tobacco products	homogenized or reconstituted tobacco	kilograms				80
Other tobacco products	tobacco substitute manufacturers nesoi	kilograms				69

Please provide information on the volumes of duty-free sales (e.g. product, unit, quantity), if available.

Each traveler is allowed 200 sticks of cigarettes or 50 cigars or 230g of other tobacco products

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B51 and 52:

2017

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions B51 and B52:

The data is 2017 report from the Statistical Institute of Jamaica on import and export of tobacco products

Please attach the relevant documentation.

## Seizures of illicit tobacco products

(with reference to Article 15.5)

Seizures of illicit tobacco

	Year	Product	Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)	Quantity seized
Smoking tobacco products	2015	cigarettes	sticks	4,146,706
Smoking tobacco products	2016	cigarettes	sticks	724,759
Smoking tobacco products	2017	cigarettes	sticks	1,055,187
Smoking tobacco products	2018	cigarettes	sticks	239,596
Smoking tobacco products	2019	cigarettes	sticks	46,489
Other tobacco products	2015	cigars	sticks	500
Other tobacco products	2016	tobacco leaves	kilgrams	45.5

Do you have any information on the percentage of illicit tobacco products on the national tobacco market?

No ✘

Please provide any further information on illicit tobacco products.

We have no additional data at this time.



Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions in section B6:

This data was provided by the Jamaica Customs Agency of the Ministry of Finance and Public Service-  
Jamaica Customs Contraband Enforcement Team Seizure Report

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Tobacco-growing

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Is there any tobacco-growing in your jurisdiction?

Yes ✓

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Please provide information on the number of workers involved in tobacco-growing. If available, please provide this figure broken down by gender.

573 growers ( no quantification of labourers; no breakdown by gender). This represents the latest figures. We have no new data.

Neither monitoring nor support for this crop is provided. The crop plays a minor role in agriculture in Jamaica with very small acreages.

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Please provide, if available, the share of the value of tobacco leaf production in the national gross domestic product.

This was not quantified in the survey.

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Please indicate the year of the data used to answer questions in section B7:

2011

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Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions in section B7:

The 2011 Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA) survey of Tobacco Farmers.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Taxation of tobacco products

*(with reference to Articles 6.2(a) and 6.3)*

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What proportion of the retail price of the most popular price category of tobacco product consists of taxes (e.g. sum of excise, sales and import duties (if applicable) and value added tax/goods and services tax (VAT/GST))?

43.62

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How are the excise taxes levied (what types of taxes are levied)?

Specific tax only	Yes
Ad valorem tax only	No
Combination of specific and ad valorem taxes	No
More complex structure (please explain below)	Yes

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If a more complex structure of taxes (*please explain*):

The taxes provided below are other taxes. Only SCT is considered an excise tax. And therefore it is a specific tax only.

The taxes and fees levied on cigarette are Import Duty (ID), General Consumption Tax (GCT), Special Consumption Tax (SCT), Standard Compliance Fee (SCF), Environmental Levy (ENVL) and Customs Administration Fee (CAF). The ad Valorem taxes are levied on the Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) value of the commodity. The SCT is a specific tax and is therefore levied on the quantity or volume of imports, in this case, the number of sticks imported. GCT has a cascading effect. It is the last tax type computed. GCT is levied on the sum of the CIF value and the amount of all the aforementioned taxes.

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If available, please provide details on the rates of taxation for tobacco products at all levels of Government and be as specific as possible (specify the type of tax, e.g. VAT, sales, import duties)

	<b>Product</b>	<b>Type of tax</b>	<b>Rate or amount</b>	<b>Base of tax<sup>5</sup></b>
Smoking tobacco products	All tobacco products including cigarettes	(Import Duty) Ad Valorem – exempt for most cigarettes because they are coming in from Trinidad and Tobago, a CARICOM country. No import duties are applicable for products coming from a CARICOM country	40%	CIF value
Smoking tobacco products	All tobacco products including cigarettes	(Standard Compliance Fee) Ad Valorem	0.3%	CIF value
Smoking tobacco products	All tobacco products including cigarettes	(Environmental Levy) Ad Valorem	0.5%	CIF value
Smoking tobacco products	All tobacco products including cigarettes	(Special Consumption) Tax Specific	JA\$17.00	per stick
Smoking tobacco products	All tobacco products including cigarettes	(General Consumption Tax) Value Added /Compounding	16.5%	CIF+IP+SCF+ ENVL +SC + supply margins
Smoking tobacco products	All tobacco products including cigarettes	Custom Administration Fee	JA\$1.00	Per stick

Please briefly describe the trends in taxation for tobacco products in the past two years or since submission of your last report in your jurisdiction.

Over the tax periods 2015/2016 and 2016/2017, there was an increased tax on tobacco products from \$14 to \$17 per stick of cigarettes.

Do you earmark any percentage of your taxation income for funding any national plan or strategy on tobacco control in your jurisdiction?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below.

For public education, screening and treatment of non-communicable diseases into which tobacco control is integrated, through the National Health Fund. Five per cent (5%) of general special consumption tax and 20% of a specific consumption tax on tobacco are channeled in the National Health Fund.

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer questions B81 to B86:

2017

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions B81 to B86:

The Jamaica Customs Agency; The Ministry of Finance and Public Service; National Health Fund Act 2003

Please attach the relevant documentation.

No comment

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## Price of tobacco products

*(with reference to Articles 6.2(a))*

### Domestic

Please provide the retail prices of the three most widely sold brands of domestic tobacco products at the most widely used point of sale in your capital city.

Name of the most widely sold brands	Number of units or amount per package	Retail price	Currency

## Imported

Please provide the retail prices of the three most widely sold brands of imported tobacco products at the most widely used point of sale in your capital city.

	<b>Name of the most widely sold brands</b>	<b>Number of units or amount per package</b>	<b>Retail price</b>	<b>Currency</b>
Smoking tobacco products	Craven A	20	\$1120	Jamaican dollars
Smoking tobacco products	Matterhorn	20	\$1120	Jamaican dollars
Smoking tobacco products	Pall Mall	20	\$705	Jamaican dollars
Smokeless tobacco products	e-cigarette	1	\$500 - \$2000	Jamaican dollars
Other tobacco products	Hookah pen	1	\$1500 - \$2000	Jamaican dollars
Other tobacco products	Hookah pipe	1	\$4500	Jamaican dollars
Other tobacco products	Grabba	Single	\$10	Jamaican dollars

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B91:

2020

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B91:

The information is derived from personal observation in urban area shops and retail outlets including grocery stores between December 2019 and May 2020

Please briefly describe the trend in the prices of tobacco products in the past two years or since submission of your last report in your jurisdiction.

Between the 2018 and 2020 period, the price of tobacco products has seen an increase.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

No comment

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## C1. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

*With reference to Article 5*


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Have you developed and implemented comprehensive multisectoral national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes in accordance with the Convention?

Yes ✓

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Have you established or reinforced and financed:

a focal point for tobacco control?	Yes
a tobacco control unit?	No
a national coordinating mechanism for tobacco control?	Yes

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Please provide details (e.g. the nature of the national coordinating mechanism, the institution to which the focal point for tobacco control or the tobacco control unit belongs).

A National Multi-sectoral and Multidisciplinary Technical Working Group was established. The focal point for tobacco control resides within the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 5.1 and 5.2 (*General obligations*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

On July 15, 2013 the Public Health (Tobacco Control) Regulations 2013 was promulgated and subsequently amended in 2014. Over the past two years, there has been increased collaboration with several ministries, departments and agencies with a view to understanding and adhering to Jamaica's obligations under the FCTC and enforcing the regulations.

Jamaica commenced implementation of a National Strategic Plan for the Prevention and Control of NCDs in Jamaica 2013 to 2018.

Cabinet has approved the development of a comprehensive tobacco control legislation to fully address all of Jamaica's obligations under the FCTC. Significant steps have been taken in the development of this legislation. A review of the fourth draft of this legislation was undertaken, and the Ministry recently submitted drafting instructions to the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

The Ministry intends to have the legislation in place for the 2020 legislative year. Discussions are still ongoing with respect to the accession to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products.

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## Protection of public health policies with respect to tobacco control from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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protecting public health policies with respect to tobacco control from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry?

Yes ✓

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ensuring that the public has access, in accordance with Article 12(c), to a wide range of information on tobacco industry activities relevant to the objectives of the Convention, such as in a public repository?

No ✗

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If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions under C121 or C122, please provide details in the space below (specifically, please refer, if relevant, to whether your government or any of its departments 1) have raised awareness on tobacco industry tactics and the need to prevent interference by the tobacco industry with decision making; 2) have avoided entering into any partnerships or voluntary agreements with the tobacco industry; 3) have established any measures to limit interaction of public officials with the tobacco industry, including in the form of a code of conduct; 4) have not granted any incentives, privileges, benefits or preferential tax exemptions to the tobacco industry to establish or run their business; etc.).

The Ministry of Health and Wellness has taken steps to ensure that the Tobacco Industry does not influence public health policies . We continue to sensitize Government Officials in relation to tobacco industry interference through workshops and presentations regarding the activities of the industry, which may be deemed as masking corporate social responsibility.

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 5.3 in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness has taken steps to ensure that Tobacco Industry does not influence public health policies. The Ministry continues to sensitize Government Officials in relation to tobacco industry interference through workshops and presentations regarding the activities of the industry. The Ministry intends to have ongoing sensitization sessions. We have gained much support for our sensitization activities from civil society, namely the Jamaica Coalition for Tobacco Control. Article 5.3 has been addressed in the comprehensive tobacco control legislation which is being finalized.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

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Please provide details in the space below or refer to section I of the additional questionnaire. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycamrnfd&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycamrnfd&lang=en>)

The Guidelines have been very helpful and instructive in assisting us to respond to matters raised by the tobacco industry, such as offers for collaboration. This has assisted us to guide other ministries, departments and agencies. The same has been instructive in guiding the Ministry's response to the industry when the same becomes necessary. The Guidelines are also helpful in the development and finalization of the comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

In finalizing the development of comprehensive tobacco control legislation, regard is had to the Guidelines for the implementation of Article 5.3 to ensure that matters related to this article are adequately addressed.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## C2. MEASURES RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF DEMAND FOR TOBACCO

*With reference to Articles 6–14*

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### **Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco**

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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tax policies and, where appropriate, price policies on tobacco products so as to contribute to the health objectives aimed at reducing tobacco consumption?

Yes ✓

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prohibiting or restricting, as appropriate, sales to international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?

No ✘

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prohibiting or restricting, as appropriate, imports by international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?

Yes ✔

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 6 (*Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

We have had no new tax on cigarette or tobacco products over the last two years.

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Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 6 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✔

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If you answered “Yes” to question C215 please provide details in the space below or refer to section H of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfd&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfd&lang=en>)

The guidelines have served as a guide to the Ministry of Finance as forming the basis for their tax increases in the past. The Guidelines have been helpful in the development of the comprehensive tobacco control legislation which is currently being drafted/finalized.

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

In our efforts to undertake the development and finalization of comprehensive tobacco control legislation, regard is had to the Guidelines for the implementation of Article 6 to ensure that matters related to this article are adequately addressed.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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banning tobacco smoking in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places ?

Yes ✓

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What is the type/nature of the measure providing for the ban?

national law	Yes
subnational law(s)	No
administrative and executive orders	No
voluntary agreements	No
other measures (please specify in C223 below)	No

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Please provide a brief explanation of the type/nature and content of the measures providing for the ban.

The Public Health (Tobacco Control) Regulations 2013 which was promulgated in July 2013 makes provision for smoke free public places. It was amended in 2014. The Regulation addresses restriction of smoking in enclosed and other specified spaces including public conveyances. The comprehensive legislation, which is being finalized, will further address and reinforce the prohibition.

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Do any of these measures provide for a mechanism/ infrastructure for enforcement?

Yes ✓

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Please provide details of this system.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness is the lead agency for the coordination of the implementation of the Tobacco Control Regulations. The regulation is enforced by Police Constables, Standards Officers, Customs Officers and Medical Officers of Health, often executed on their behalf by Public Health Inspectors.

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Please specify the settings and extent/comprehensiveness of measures applied in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places.

### Indoor workplaces:

government buildings	Complete
health-care facilities	Complete
educational facilities <sup>6</sup>	Complete
universities	Complete
private workplaces	Complete
other (please specify below)	Complete

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Please provide a brief explanation of any "other" policies in the space below

The prohibition applies to staff residences of hotel or tourist establishments.

This prohibition however does not apply to homes which are being used as workplaces for domestic employees. This is on account of the constitutionally entrenched property rights.

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Please specify the settings and extent/comprehensiveness of measures applied in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places.

### Public transport:

airplanes	Complete
trains	Complete
ferries	Complete
ground public transport (buses, trolleybuses, trams)	Complete
motor vehicles used as places of work (taxis, ambulances, delivery vehicles)	Complete
private vehicles	None
other (please specify below)	Complete

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Please provide a brief explanation of any "other" policies in the space below

The prohibition extends to Tour buses; any vehicle used to transport members of the public for reward or commercial purposes.

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Please specify the settings and extent/comprehensiveness of measures applied in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places.

### Indoor public places:

cultural facilities	Complete
shopping malls	Complete
pubs and bars	Complete
nightclubs	Complete
restaurants	Complete
other (please specify below)	None

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**Please provide a brief summary of complete and partial measures, with specific details of the partial measures that have been implemented:**

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Banning tobacco smoking in indoor workplaces

Tobacco smoking is banned in all enclosed workplace whether private or public. This does not include private residences.

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Banning tobacco smoking in public transport

Tobacco smoking is banned in any vehicle used for the transport of members of the public for commercial purposes.

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Banning tobacco smoking in indoor public places

Tobacco use is banned in all indoor places intended for use by the public.

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 8 (*Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

The Public Health (Tobacco Control) Regulations 2013 which was enacted on July 15, 2013 and amended in 2014 provides for protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in accordance with article 8. Some progress has been made in enforcement over the period. We continue to collaborate with other Ministries, Departments and agencies with a view to increasing enforcement efforts. We also continue to execute initiatives through the Ministry Health Promotion and through departments such as the National Council on Drug Abuse; and further, through collaboration with civil society, specifically, the Jamaica Coalition for Tobacco Control in our efforts to sensitize the public and to identify breaches of the current Regulations.

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Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 8 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

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If you answered “Yes” to question C229 please provide details in the space below or refer to section B of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycamrnfd&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycamrnfd&lang=en>)

The Guidelines were useful in assisting us to develop the Regulations and in finalizing the comprehensive tobacco control legislation in relation to smoke-free spaces. The Guidelines have been particularly instructive in strengthening enforcement and capacity building. The Guidelines have also been relied on in responding to allegations and requests made by the industry.

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

The Guidelines have proven useful in the development and finalization of the comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Regulation of the contents of tobacco products

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?

No ✘

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testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?

No ✘

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regulating the contents of tobacco products?

No ✘

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regulating the emissions of tobacco products?

No ✘

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 9 (*Regulation of the contents of tobacco products*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

This will be addressed in the impending comprehensive legislation.

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Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✔

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If you answered “Yes” to question C236 please provide details in the space below or refer to section C of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfd&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfd&lang=en>)

The Guidelines have proven useful in the development of the Jamaicas policies in this area, i.e. the impending comprehensive legislation.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g., whether your country 1) has incorporated product regulation in the national tobacco control legislation; 2) has access to either governmental or independent – not owned or controlled by the tobacco industry – laboratories for testing contents and/or emissions of tobacco products; 3) has regulated ingredients, such as flavours (e.g. menthol); 4) has regulated product characteristics, such as design features (e.g., cigarette ventilation); etc.).

In our efforts to undertake the development of comprehensive tobacco control legislation, regard is had to the Guidelines for the implementation of Article 9 to ensure that matters related to this article are adequately addressed.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Regulation of tobacco product disclosures

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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requiring manufacturers or importers of tobacco products to disclose to Government authorities information about the:

contents of tobacco products?	Yes
emissions of tobacco products?	Yes

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requiring public disclosure of information about the:

contents of tobacco products?	Yes
emissions of tobacco products?	Yes

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 10 (*Regulation of tobacco product disclosures*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

The Public Health (Tobacco Control) Regulation 2013 which was enacted on July 15, 2013 and amended in 2014 makes provision for Article 10.

This will be addressed more comprehensively in the impending comprehensive tobacco control legislation, which is now being finalized.

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Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

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If you answered "Yes" to question C244 please provide details in the space below or refer to section C of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfd&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfd&lang=en>)

The Guidelines have proven very useful in guiding the development and finalization of the comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g. whether your country has incorporated tobacco product disclosures in the national tobacco control legislation; has regulated the public disclosure of toxic constituents and emissions of tobacco products, aiming to raise public awareness and advance tobacco control policy; etc.).

This will be addressed comprehensively in the impending comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Packaging and labelling of tobacco products

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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requiring that packaging, individual cigarettes or other tobacco products do not carry advertising or promotion?

No ✘

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requiring that packaging and labelling do not promote a product by any means that are false, misleading, deceptive or likely to create an erroneous impression about its characteristics, health effects, hazards or emissions?

Yes ✔

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requiring that each unit packet and package of tobacco products and any outside packaging and labelling of such products carry health warnings describing the harmful effects of tobacco use?

Yes ✔

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ensuring that the health warnings are approved by the competent national authority?

Yes ✔

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ensuring that the health warnings are rotated?

Yes ✓

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ensuring that the health warnings are clear, visible and legible?

Yes ✓

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Does your law mandate, as a minimum, a style, size and colour of font to render the warning clear, visible and legible?

Yes ✓

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ensuring that the health warnings occupy no less than 30% of the principal display areas?

Yes ✓

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ensuring that the health warnings occupy 50% or more of the principal display areas?

Yes ✓

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ensuring that health warnings are in the form of, or include, pictures or pictograms?

Yes ✓

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Does the Government own the copyright to these pictures and pictograms?

Yes ✓

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Would you grant a non-exclusive and royalty-free licence for the use of health warnings developed in your jurisdiction with other Parties?

Yes ✓

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requiring that each unit packet and package of tobacco products and any outside packaging and labelling of such products contain information on relevant:

constituents of tobacco products? Yes

emissions of tobacco products? Yes

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requiring that the warnings and other textual information appear on each unit packet and package and on any outside packaging and labelling in the principal language or languages of the country?

Yes ✓

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 11 (*Packaging and labelling of tobacco products*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

The Public Health (Tobacco Control) Regulations 2013 which was enacted on July 15, 2013 and amended in 2014 includes the provisions in keeping with Article 11 of the FCTC. Currently there is a requirement for the principal display area of tobacco products be covered with at least 60% of the specific graphic health warnings including the prescribed text and declaration. There is no requirement for individual sticks of cigarettes or other tobacco products to be labelled. However, vendors of single sticks or individual tobacco products are required to display the applicable graphic health warning at eye level at the point of sale.

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Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 11 of the WHO FCTC" when developing or implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

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If you answered "Yes" to question C2516 please provide details in the space below or refer to section D of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfa&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfa&lang=en>)

The Guidelines have proven very useful in guiding the development and finalization of the comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to or not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Education, communication, training and public awareness

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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educational and public awareness programmes? (*Please refer to programmes implemented since submission of your two-year report.*)

Yes ✓

To whom are these programmes targeted?

- adults or the general public
- children and young people
- men
- women
- pregnant women
- ethnic groups
- other (please specify)
- Other

Do you reflect the following key differences among targeted population groups in educational and public awareness programmes?

- age
- gender
- educational background
- cultural background
- socioeconomic status
- other (please specify)
- workers in vulnerable areas
- Other

Do these educational and public awareness programmes cover:

- health risks of tobacco consumption?
- health risks of exposure to tobacco smoke?
- benefits of the cessation of tobacco use and tobacco-free lifestyles?
- adverse economic consequences of tobacco production?
- adverse economic consequences of tobacco consumption?
- adverse environmental consequences of tobacco production?
- adverse environmental consequences of tobacco consumption?

awareness and participation of the following agencies and organizations in development and implementation of intersectoral programmes and strategies for tobacco control:

- public agencies?
- nongovernmental organizations not affiliated with the tobacco industry?
- private organizations?
- other (please specify)?
- Academia
- Other

Are the elaboration, management and implementation of communication, education, training and public awareness programmes guided by research and do they undergo pre-testing, monitoring and evaluation?

Yes ✓

Are appropriate and special training or sensitization and awareness programmes on tobacco control addressed to:

- health workers?
  - community workers?  
social workers?
  - media professionals?
  - educators?
  - decision-makers?
  - administrators?
  - other (please specify)
- Students      Other

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 12 (*Education, communication, training and public awareness*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

The National Tobacco Control Communication plan which was developed and implemented targets youth, adults, workers, public and private sector. The medium used included mass media, sensitization and training, distribution of Information Education Communication materials and limited use of social media.

Several other events have been undertaken including World No Tobacco Day competitions and other ongoing sensitization activities and initiatives in Schools, workplaces and communities. These have been undertaken in collaboration with civil society and other partners and agencies of the Ministry including the National Council on Drug Abuse.

Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 12 of the WHO FCTC" when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

If you answered "Yes" to question C269 please provide details in the space below or refer to section E of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfd&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfd&lang=en>)

The Guidelines have proven very useful in guiding the development and finalization of the comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

In our efforts to undertake the development of comprehensive tobacco control legislation, regard is had to the Guidelines for the implementation of Article 12 to ensure that matters related to this article are adequately addressed.

The Ministry intends to undertake a massive national tobacco control campaign.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## **Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship**

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, any legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes:

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instituting a comprehensive ban on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?

No

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are you precluded by your constitution or constitutional principles from undertaking a comprehensive ban on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?

No

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applying restrictions on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?

No

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applying restrictions on cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from your territory with cross-border effects?

No

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prohibiting those forms of tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship that promote a tobacco product by any means that are false, misleading, deceptive or likely to create an erroneous impression about its characteristics, health effects, hazards or emissions?

No

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requiring that health or other appropriate warnings or messages accompany all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?

No

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restricting the use of direct or indirect incentives that encourage the purchase of tobacco products by the public?

No ✘

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requiring the disclosure to relevant Government authorities of expenditures by the tobacco industry on advertising, promotion and sponsorship not yet prohibited?

No ✘

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restricting tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship on:

- radio?
  - television?
  - print media?
  - the domestic Internet?
  - the global Internet?
  - other media (please specify below )?
  - Other
- 

restricting tobacco sponsorship of:

- international events and activities?
  - participants therein?
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cooperating with other Parties in the development of technologies and other means necessary to facilitate the elimination of cross-border advertising?

No ✘

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imposing penalties for cross-border advertising equal to those applicable to domestic advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from your territory in accordance with national law?

No ✘

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 13 (*Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Under Jamaica's Broadcasting and Radio Re-diffusion Act, there is a prohibition on Tobacco advertising, and promotion on television, radio and in cinemas. However, there has been an increase in advertising and promotion through other medium. There is also noticeable sponsorship activities over the last two years. The Ministry of Health and Wellness continues to sensitize other ministries, departments and agencies with respect to the provisions of the WHO FCTC in this regard. This Article will also be addressed comprehensively under the comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

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Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 13 of the WHO FCTC" when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✔

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If you answered "Yes" to question C2715 please provide details in the space below or refer to section F of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfd&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfd&lang=en>)

The Guidelines have proven very useful in guiding the development and finalization of the comprehensive tobacco control legislation. Article 13 will also be addressed comprehensively under the comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

The Broadcasting Commission has been strident in enforcing the Regulations. In at least one instance over the past two years, the Broadcasting Commission has had to sanction a licensee for breaches and has provided advice to numerous advertisers and production houses on the Regulations. There is currently a review of the Childrens Code for programming which will, among other things, strengthen the enforcement in respect of tobacco advertising and those related to other harmful substances.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

No comment

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## **Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation**

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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developing and disseminating appropriate, comprehensive and integrated guidelines based on scientific evidence and best practices?

Yes ✓

programmes to promote cessation of tobacco use, including:

- media campaigns emphasizing the importance of quitting?  
programmes specially designed for underage girls and young women?  
programmes specially designed for women?  
programmes specially designed for pregnant women?
  - telephone quitlines?
  - local events, such as activities related to World No Tobacco Day or National No Smoking Day, if appropriate?  
other (please specify)?  
Other
- 

design and implementation of programmes aimed at promoting the cessation of tobacco use, in such locations as:

- educational institutions?
  - health-care facilities?
  - workplaces?
  - sporting environments?  
other (please specify)?  
Other
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inclusion of diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence and counselling services for cessation of tobacco use in national programmes, plans and strategies for:

- tobacco control?
  - health?
  - education?
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inclusion of programmes on the diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence in your health-care system?

Yes ✓

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Which structures in your health-care system provide programmes for the diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence?

- primary health care
  - secondary and tertiary health care  
specialist health-care systems (please specify below)
  - specialized centres for cessation counselling and treatment of tobacco dependence
  - rehabilitation centres  
Other
-



Are the services provided in these settings covered by public funding or reimbursement schemes?

primary health care	Fully
secondary and tertiary health care	Fully
specialist health-care systems (please specify below)	
specialized centres for cessation counselling and treatment of tobacco dependence	Fully
rehabilitation centres	Partially
other (please specify below)	

Which health and other professionals are involved in programmes offering treatment for tobacco dependence and counselling services?

Health professionals including:

- physicians
  - dentists
  - family doctors
  - practitioners of traditional medicine
  - other medical professionals (please specify below)
  - nurses
  - midwives
  - pharmacists
  - Community workers
  - Social workers
  - other (please specify)
  - Other
- Officers specializing in the prevention and treatment of drug abuse

training on tobacco dependence treatment incorporated into the curricula of health professional training at pre- and post-qualification levels at the following schools:

- medical?
- dental?
- nursing?
- pharmacy?
- Other

facilitating accessibility and/or affordability of pharmaceutical products for the treatment of tobacco dependence?

Yes ✓

Where and how can these products be legally purchased in your country?

These products can be purchased at pharmacy. Nicotine replacement therapy at a low dose does not require prescription.

Which pharmaceutical products are legally available for the treatment of tobacco dependence in your jurisdiction?

- nicotine replacement therapy
- bupropion
- varenicline
- other (please specify)
- Other

Are the costs of these products covered by public funding or reimbursement?

nicotine replacement therapy	Fully
bupropion	Fully
varenicline	None
other (please specify below)	

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 14 (*Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Further capacity building was done with Ministry officials and the National Council on Drug Abuse.

Nicotine replacement therapy (Bupropion SR Tablets 150 mg and the Nicotine Patch 7 – 21 mg/24 h) is included in the Ministry of Health List of Vital Essential and Necessary Drugs and Medical Sundries.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 14 of the WHO FCTC” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below or refer to section G of the additional questionnaire.

Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**.

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The Guidelines have proven very useful in guiding the development and finalization of the comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

A national Guideline for nicotine use disorder was developed in 2007. Training was conducted on the Guideline. A directory of tobacco cessation services available island-wide was developed. Teams were also trained throughout the island to support scaling up of the services.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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### C3. MEASURES RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF THE SUPPLY OF TOBACCO

*With reference to Articles 15–17*

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#### **Illicit trade in tobacco products**

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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requiring marking of all unit packets and packages of tobacco products and any outside packaging of such products to assist in determining the origin of the product?

Yes ✓

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requiring marking of all unit packets and packages of tobacco products and any outside packaging of such products to assist in determining whether the product is legally sold on the domestic market?

Yes ✓

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requiring that unit packets and packages of tobacco products for retail and wholesale use that are sold on the domestic market carry the statement: "Sales only allowed in ..." or carry any other effective marking indicating the final destination of the product?

Yes ✓

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developing a practical tracking and tracing regime that would further secure the distribution system and assist in the investigation of illicit trade?

Yes ✓

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requiring that marking is presented in legible form and/or appears in the principal language or languages of the country?

Yes ✓

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requiring the monitoring and collection of data on cross-border trade in tobacco products, including illicit trade?

Yes ✓

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facilitating the exchange of this information among customs, tax and other authorities, as appropriate, and in accordance with national law and applicable bilateral and multilateral agreements?

Yes ✓

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enacting or strengthening legislation, with appropriate penalties and remedies, against illicit trade in tobacco products, including counterfeit and contraband cigarettes?

Yes ✓

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requiring that confiscated manufacturing equipment, counterfeit and contraband cigarettes and other tobacco products derived from illicit trade are destroyed, using environment-friendly methods where possible, or disposed of in accordance with national law?

Yes ✓

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adopting and implementing measures to monitor, document and control the storage and distribution of tobacco products held or moving under suspension of taxes or duties?

Yes ✓

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enabling the confiscation of proceeds derived from illicit trade in tobacco products?

Yes ✓

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promoting cooperation between national agencies and relevant regional and international intergovernmental organizations in investigations, prosecutions and proceedings, with a view to eliminating illicit trade in tobacco products, with special emphasis on cooperation at regional and subregional levels?

Yes ✓

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licensing or other actions to control or regulate production and distribution in order to prevent illicit trade?

Yes ✓

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 15 (*Illicit trade in tobacco products*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

There has been increased vigilance in identifying illicit trade in tobacco products. This will however be treated with comprehensively under the impending comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

There has been sensitization activities on the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products. This includes the Regional/Caribbean workshop to promote accession to the Protocol, initiated by the Convention Secretariat and hosted by Jamaica in October 2019. Brief meetings were held with representatives of the Convention Secretariat and Cabinet Ministers, and a separate meeting with the Commissioner of Customs during the same period. A Cabinet Submission regarding Jamaica's accession to the Protocol is being finalized by the Ministry.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Sales to and by minors

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?

Yes ✓

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Please specify the legal age:

18

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requiring that all sellers of tobacco products place a clear and prominent indicator inside their point of sale about the prohibition of tobacco sales to minors?

No ✗

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requiring that, in case of doubt, each seller of tobacco products requests that the purchaser provides appropriate evidence of having reached full legal age?

No ✗

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banning the sale of tobacco products in any manner by which they are directly accessible, such as open store shelves?

No ✘

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prohibiting the manufacture and sale of sweets, snacks, toys or any other objects in the form of tobacco products which appeal to minors?

No ✘

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prohibiting the sale of tobacco products from vending machines?

No ✘

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Do you ensure that tobacco vending machines are not accessible to minors and/or do not promote the sale of tobacco products to minors?

No ✘

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prohibiting and/or promoting the prohibition of the distribution of free tobacco products:

to the public?

to minors?

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prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually or in small packets?

No ✘

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providing for penalties against sellers and distributors in order to ensure compliance?

Yes ✔

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prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?

Yes ✔

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 16 (*Sales to and by minors*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

The Child Care and Protection Act makes provision for the prohibition of sale of some forms of tobacco products to and by minors. The provisions in the Child Care and Protection Act is limited as the prohibitions do not apply broadly to all forms of tobacco products (including electronic nicotine delivery systems) to and by minors. The current provision restrictively references cigarettes, cigars, cheroots, and cigarillos. Attempts are being made to amend the Act to accord with the FCTC requirements.

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

This gaps will be treated with comprehensively under the impending comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

No comment

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## Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, measures or programmes on any of the following:

promoting economically viable and sustainable alternatives for:

tobacco growers?	Yes
tobacco workers?	Yes
tobacco individual sellers?	No

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 17 (*Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Alternative crops to tobacco products have been promoted by the Ministry with responsibility for Agriculture. Related measures and programmes have been put in place by that Ministry. Comprehensive measures are being considered for inclusion in the impending comprehensive tobacco control legislation. The Guidelines for implementation continue to be instructive in capacity building activities.

Have you utilized the "Policy options and recommendations on economically sustainable alternatives to tobacco growing (in relation to Articles 17 and 18 of the WHO FCTC)" when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below or refer to section I of the additional questionnaire.

Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**.

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## C4. OTHER MEASURES AND POLICIES

*With reference to Articles 18–21*

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### **Protection of the environment and the health of persons**

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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implementing measures in respect of tobacco cultivation within your territory, which take into consideration:

the protection of the environment?	No
the health of persons in relation to the environment?	No

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implementing measures in respect of tobacco manufacturing within your territory, which take into consideration:

the protection of the environment?	No
the health of persons in relation to the environment?	No

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 18 (*Protection of the environment and the health of persons*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

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Have you utilized the “Policy options and recommendations on economically sustainable alternatives to tobacco growing (in relation to Articles 17 and 18 of the WHO FCTC)” when developing and implementing policies in this area?

Yes ✓

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If you answered "Yes" to question C414 please provide details in the space below or refer to section I of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfd&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=rfu3sycaamrnfd&lang=en>)

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Liability

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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Does your tobacco control legislation contain measures regarding criminal liability for any violations of that tobacco control legislation?

No

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Do you have separate criminal liability provisions in relation to tobacco control (outside of the tobacco control legislation)?

No

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Do you have any civil liability measures that are specific to tobacco control?

Yes

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Do you have any general civil liability provisions that could apply to tobacco control?

Yes

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Do you have civil or criminal liability provisions that provide for compensation for adverse health effects and/or for reimbursement of medical, social or other relevant costs?

No

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Has any person in your jurisdiction launched any criminal and/or civil liability action, including compensation where appropriate, against any tobacco company in relation to any adverse health effect caused by tobacco use?

No

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Have you taken, as appropriate, any legislative, executive, administrative and/or other action against the tobacco industry for full or partial reimbursement of medical, social and other relevant costs related to tobacco use in your jurisdiction?

No

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Please provide a brief description of any progress made, as appropriate, in implementing Article 19 (*Liability*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

The industry can be held liable for breaches of the Tobacco Control Regulations as it relates to Articles 8, 9, 10 and

11. Penalties are also stipulated in relation to Individuals who breach the provisions of the Regulations. However, this Article will be treated with comprehensively under the impending comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

## Research, surveillance and exchange of information

Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes on any of the following:

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developing and/or promoting research that addresses:

- determinants of tobacco consumption?
- consequences of tobacco consumption?
- social and economic indicators related to tobacco consumption?
- tobacco use among women, with special regard to pregnant women?
- the determinants and consequences of exposure to tobacco smoke?
- identification of effective programmes for the treatment of tobacco dependence?
- identification of alternative livelihoods?
- Other

training and support for all persons engaged in tobacco control activities, including research, implementation and evaluation?

Yes ✓

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a national system for epidemiological surveillance of:

- patterns of tobacco consumption?
- determinants of tobacco consumption?
- consequences of tobacco consumption?
- social, economic and health indicators related to tobacco consumption?
- exposure to tobacco smoke?
- Other

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Please list all surveys, including the year of the survey, that you have undertaken in the past.

Jamaica Health and Lifestyle Survey 2000 and 2007/8; 2016/2017

Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2001, 2006, 2010, 2017

Global School Health Survey 2010 and 2017

Jamaica Drug Prevalence Survey 2016

Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions 2016 (conducted every 1 to 2 years)

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Does your country have any plans to repeat any of the above or to undertake a new tobacco survey within three to five years of your last survey? Please provide details in the space below.

A new Jamaica Health and Lifestyle Survey was conducted in 2016/ 2017. The data is currently being analyzed.

The Global Youth Tobacco Survey was implemented in 2017. The data is not nationally representative due to the low response rate.

The Global School Health Survey in addition to the above-mentioned surveys are undertaken every five years .

There are also plans to repeat a GYTS in the next 2 years given the 2017 experience (not nationally representative)

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regional and global exchange of publicly available national:

- scientific, technical, socioeconomic, commercial and legal information?
  - information on the practices of the tobacco industry?
  - information on the cultivation of tobacco?
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an updated database of:

- laws and regulations on tobacco control?
- information about the enforcement of laws on tobacco control?  
pertinent jurisprudence?

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 20 (*Research, surveillance and exchange of information*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

There is increased collaboration with other entities in this regard.

If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g. whether you included information on WHO FCTC implementation in your Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), related to target 3.a).

Please attach the relevant documentation.

No comment

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## D. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

Pursuant to Article 21.1(c) and in accordance with Article 26, have you either provided or received financial or technical assistance (be it through unilateral, bilateral, regional, subregional or other multilateral channels, including relevant regional and international intergovernmental or nongovernmental organizations and financial and development institutions) for the development and strengthening of multisectoral, comprehensive tobacco control programmes of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in any of the following areas:

development, transfer and acquisition of technology, knowledge, skills, capacity and expertise related to tobacco control?

Assistance provided	Yes
Assistance received	Yes

provision of technical, scientific, legal and other expertise to establish and strengthen national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes?

Assistance provided Yes

Assistance received Yes

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appropriate training or sensitization programmes for appropriate personnel in accordance with Article 12?

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

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provision of the necessary material, equipment and supplies, as well as logistic support, for tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes?

Assistance provided No

Assistance received Yes

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identification of methods for tobacco control, including comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction?

Assistance provided No

Assistance received Yes

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promotion of research to increase the affordability of comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction?

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

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Please identify the Party or Parties from which assistance was received or to which assistance was provided.

Graphic Health warning images were provided to Trinidad & Tobago in 2018.

Jamaica also benefited from capacity building opportunities through:

1. McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer:

A. Intensive Legal Training Programme -Alumni training (Australia 2018)

B. workshop on Australia's victory in the World Trade Organization dispute and the implications for tobacco control and public health (Australia 2018)

2. Jamaica was selected to participate in an Expert meeting on cigarette ventilation (Netherlands 2019)

3. Workshop on Tobacco Taxation - WHO FCTC Knowledge Hub on Tobacco Taxation - Cape Town, South Africa (2019)

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Please provide information about any assistance provided or received in the space below, including any support received from nongovernmental organizations (please, specify).

In addition to the above-mentioned areas in which assistance was received and provided, the following is to be noted:

1. Representatives of Ministries, Departments and Agencies from State parties to the FCTC in the Caribbean, in addition to representatives of Regional and international bodies, and Civil society/NGOs participated in the Workshop to promote the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products. This was organized by the Convention Secretariat of the WHO FCTC in collaboration with the PAHO/WHO regional offices. This was held in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Under an arrangement with the Inter-American Development Bank for the strengthening of health systems in Jamaica, there are arrangements for Jamaica to benefit from funding which will assist with tobacco control initiatives. This will also assist in fast tracking the comprehensive tobacco control legislation

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If you have not received or provided assistance in any of the aforementioned areas, please identify any financial or technical assistance that may be under consideration, if appropriate.

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Have you encouraged relevant regional and international intergovernmental organizations and financial and development institutions in which you are represented to provide financial assistance for developing country Parties and for Parties with economies in transition to assist them in meeting their obligations under the Convention?

Yes ✓

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Please provide details in the space below.

IGOs and Financial and development institutions with which we have liaised have been encouraged to provide support wherever they are able, in this regard

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## E. PRIORITIES AND COMMENTS

What are the priorities for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in your jurisdiction?

Our current priority remains the implementation of a comprehensive tobacco control legislation to address all the provisions of the FCTC which have not been included in the existing tobacco control regulations. Other priorities include: the strengthening enforcement of the existing law, sensitization around the provisions of the current regulations including the impending law as well as the need to uphold Article 5.3; and a national tobacco control communication campaign.

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Have you identified any specific gaps between the resources available and the needs assessed for implementing the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control?

Yes ✓

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Please provide details in the space below.

The gaps identified relate to resource constraints in enforcement activities and initiatives.

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What, if any, are the constraints or barriers, other than lack of resources, you have encountered in implementing the Convention?

Interference by the Tobacco Industry and lack of capacity for enforcement in some areas. High attrition rates and the need for re-sensitization is also a factor.

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Do you have any of the following products available on your national tobacco market?

- smokeless tobacco products
- water pipe tobacco
- Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
- Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS)
- heated tobacco products (HTPs)
- Other

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Have you adopted and implemented any policy or regulation that is specific to the following tobacco products?

- smokeless tobacco products
- water pipe tobacco
- Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
- Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS)
- heated tobacco products (HTPs)
- Other

If you have any relevant information related to questions E5 and E6, please provide details in the space below.

Our Tobacco Control Regulations make provision for all tobacco products, i.e. smoked tobacco products and smokeless tobacco products. Tobacco products are defined widely to include ENDS and water pipe tobacco products. The comprehensive tobacco control legislation which is being finalized will treat with tobacco products more widely and comprehensively and will address novel tobacco products and devices, nicotine and non-nicotine products and devices including ENDS, ENNDS and HTPs.

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Please provide any other relevant information not covered elsewhere that you consider important.

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Your suggestions for further development and revision of the reporting instrument:

We have no suggestion for further development of the reporting instrument at this time.

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