

2020 - CORE QUESTIONNAIRE OF THE REPORTING INSTRUMENT OF WHO FCTC

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B1. TOBACCO CONSUMPTION

Prevalence of tobacco use

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)

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	38	7.6
FEMALE	3.9	4.6
TOTAL (males and females)	19.3	7.3

Daily smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)	Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day
MALE	31.2	8.0
FEMALE	2.9	4.9
TOTAL (males and females)	15.8	7.7

Occasional smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALE	2.1
FEMALE	0.2
TOTAL (males and females)	1.1

Former smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALE	14.4
FEMALE	2.0
TOTAL (males and females)	7.7

Never smokers

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

MALE	52.2
FEMALE	94.9
TOTAL (males and females)	75.5

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:

	From	To
Age range	18	65

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

2015

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

Mauritius NonCommunicable Disease Survey 2015

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

Current smoker	Current smoker is one who smokes a tobacco product anytime during the past 30 days
Daily smoker	Daily smoker is one who smokes at least one tobacco product every day
Occasional smoker	Occasional smoker is one who smokes a tobacco product at any time during the past 30 days even one or two
Former smoker	Former smoker is one who one who used to smoke a tobacco product in the past and who has ceased completely
Never smoker	Never smoker is one who has never smoke any tobacco product not even one or two puffs.

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.

According to the NCD Survey 2015, which is the last survey done on Tobacco Control in Mauritius, the prevalence of smoking has decreased from 21.7% in 2009 to 19.3% in 2015

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 ¹	18	24	45
MALES - current smokers ¹	25	34	50
MALES - current smokers ¹	35	44	41
MALES - current smokers ¹	45	54	32
MALES - current smokers ¹	55	64	25
MALES - current smokers ¹	65	74	21
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	18	24	7
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	25	34	7
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	35	44	4
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	45	54	2
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	55	64	2
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	65	74	1
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	18	24	22
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	25	34	26
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	35	44	21
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	45	54	16
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	55	64	12
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	65	74	10

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

Cigarettes

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

2015

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

Mauritius Non-Communicable Diseases survey 2015

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.

It is to be noted that between 2009-2015, the prevalence of tobacco smoking across all age group has shown a general decline.

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)

Males

Prevalence (%)

(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

Females

Prevalence (%)

(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

TOTAL (males and females)**Prevalence (%)****(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)**

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

NOT APPLICABLE AS SMOKELESS TOBACCO IS NOT ON SALE ON THE LOCAL MARKET

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:

NOT APPLICABLE (Refer to answer at 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.

NOT APPLICABLE

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:

NOT APPLICABLE AS NO SMOKELESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE ON SALE ON THE MARKET

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

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

NONE

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.

NOT APPLICABLE

Tobacco use by ethnic group(s)

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

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

NOT APPLICABLE

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

From To

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

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

NOT APPLICABLE

Tobacco use by young persons

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

	Age range	SMOKING TOBACCO - Prevalence (%)	SMOKELESS TOBACCO - Prevalence (%)	WATER PIPE - Prevalence (%)
BOYS - Current users ⁴	13-15	21.2		
GIRLS - Current users ⁴	13-15	6.6		
TOTAL (boys and girls) - Current users ⁴	13-15	13.6		

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

Cigarettes

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

2016

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

Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2016

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

Students who declared smoking cigarettes on one or more days during the past 30 days.

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.

According to the GYTS 2016 survey, a decreasing trend in the overall prevalence of cigarette smoking among young boys and girls aged 13-15years from 16.3% (2008) to 13.6% (2016) was noted.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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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 (%)
YOUNG PERSONS - Boys	13-15		17.9		
YOUNG PERSONS - Girls	13-15		4.3		
YOUNG PERSONS - Total (boys and girls)	13-15		10.9		

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).

% male students (13-15yrs) : exposed at home: 30.5% exposed outside their home: 48.8%

% female students (13-15yrs) : exposed at home: 328.3% exposed outside their home:43.0%

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

2016

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

Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2016

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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Tobacco-related mortality

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

No ✘

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

NA

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

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

NA

Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

Tobacco-related costs

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

Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

Supply of tobacco and tobacco products

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

Licit supply of tobacco products

	Product	Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)	Domestic production	Retail sales	Exports	Imports
Smoking tobacco products	cigarettes	sticks	nil		nil	1,041,080,000
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarillos	sticks	nil		nil	275,990
Smoking tobacco products	Other products containing tobacco	sticks	nil		nil	39,690
Other tobacco products	Waterpipe Tobacco	kg	na		na	42
Other tobacco products	Chewing tobacco	kg	na		na	6446
Tobacco leaves	Leaves	nil			nil	nil

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

Cigarettes containing tobacco: 2,065,000 sticks

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

2019

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

2019, Customs Management System, Mauritius Revenue Authority and 2018 figures from Annual Report and National Agricultural Products Regulatory Office (NAPRO) Annual Report 2018

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	2017	cigarettes	sticks	689,460
Smoking tobacco products	2018	cigarettes	sticks	131,260
Smoking tobacco products	2019	cigarettes	sticks	147,465
Other tobacco products	2017	Flavoured Tobacco	kgs	1,765.044
Other tobacco products	2018	Flavoured Tobacco	kgs	6,455.25
Other tobacco products	2019	Flavoured Tobacco	kgs	55.975

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.

NA

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

NA

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Tobacco-growing

Is there any tobacco-growing in your jurisdiction?

No ✘

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

2019

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

National Agricultural Products Regulatory Office Annual Report 2018

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Taxation of tobacco products

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

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))?

88.5

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)	

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)

	Product	Type of tax	Rate or amount	Base of tax⁵
Smoking tobacco products	cigarettes	Excise Duty & VAT	MUR 5111 + VAT @15%	1000 cigarettes
Smoking tobacco products	cigarillos	Excise Duty & VAT	MUR 10,313 + VAT @15%	1000 cigarettes
Smoking tobacco products	Others	Excise Duty & VAT	MUR 17,662 + VAT @ 15%	kg
Other tobacco products	Water pipe Tobacco	Excise Duty & VAT	Rs10,313/1000 cigarettes	kg
Other tobacco products	Cut cigarette rag	Excise Duty & VAT	MUR 230 + VAT @15%	kg

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.

-The last change in taxation policy for tobacco products was in June 2017. However, TNS, the major importer of cigarettes increased the retail price of most of its brands by MUR 5 in 2019

-The trends in taxation for tobacco products are as follows:

Cigarettes

Year Date Rate (Rs/1000 sticks)

2016 30.07.2016 4646

2017 09.06.2017 5111

2018 09.06.2017 5111

2019 09.06.2017 5111

Cigarillos

Year Date Rate (Rs/1000 sticks)

2016 30.07.2016 9,375

2017 09.06.2017 10,313

2018 09.06.2017 10,313

2019 09.06.2017 10,313

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.

Mauritius does not earmark any percentage of taxation income for funding any national plan or strategy on tobacco control. However, it is to be noted that all revenues from taxes are credited to the Consolidated Fund and same are used to finance Government expenditure, including projects and programmes of the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

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

2019

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

Mauritius Revenue Authority Annual Report 2018-2019 and Customs Tariff Act 2017

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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
Smoking tobacco products	N.A.			
Smoking tobacco products	N.A.			
Smoking tobacco products	N.A.			
Smokeless tobacco products	N.A.			
Smokeless tobacco products	N.A.			
Smokeless tobacco products	N.A.			
Other tobacco products	N.A.			
Other tobacco products	N.A.			
Other tobacco products	N.A.			

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.

	Name of the most widely sold brands	Number of units or amount per package	Retail price	Currency
Smoking tobacco products	Palmall Red	20 sticks per packet	Rs 150	Mauritian Rupees
Smoking tobacco products	Matinée	20 sticks per packet	Rs 190	Mauritian Rupees
Smoking tobacco products	Rothmans	20 sticks per packet	Rs 170	Mauritian Rupees

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:

2020, Information obtained from TNS Tobacco Company Ltd

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.

There has been no increase in excise duty on tobacco products since the past 3 years. However, in 2019, TNS Tobacco Company Ltd, the main importer of cigarettes in Mauritius, increased the price of all the brands that it imports and distributes by around MUR 5 which represents an increase of 2.12% to 3.33%

Please attach the relevant documentation.

C1. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

With reference to Article 5

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

Yes ✓

Have you established or reinforced and financed:

a focal point for tobacco control?	Yes
a tobacco control unit?	Yes
a national coordinating mechanism for tobacco control?	Yes

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 Steering Committee for Tobacco Control was set up in 2009 which comprise of key representatives from different ministries, civil society/ NGOs and other departments with the main aim of coordinating tobacco control initiatives, programmes and activities in Mauritius.

At the level of the Ministries and Departments, a focal point for tobacco control has been nominated in order to facilitate coordination and reporting.

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.

A National Action Plan for Tobacco Products (NAPTC) 2015-2018 has been validated and implemented with regards to different tobacco control programmes and initiatives planned during the stated year. A new NAPTC covering period 2021-2025 will be prepared this year to govern forthcoming tobacco control initiatives of the Ministry of Health and Wellness. It is to be noted that all the tobacco control initiatives of the Ministry of Health and Wellness are in line with the provisions of the WHO FCTC and the provisions of the Public Health (Restrictions on Tobacco Products) Regulations 2008. The second set of pictorial health warnings which has been pre-tested and launched in 2018 will be rotated over Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products which has already been agreed by the Cabinet of Ministers in 2018 and the relevant legislations governing same is in process of being amended. As Party to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, the relevant articles of the Protocol are being implemented and our current legislation is also being amended to align its provisions with the philosophy of the said Protocol.

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

NONE

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:

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

Yes ✓

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?

Yes ✓

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 setting up of the Tobacco Control Unit at the Ministry is a clear indication of the initiatives adopted by Management to implement public health policies and tobacco control initiatives which are in line with the provisions of the WHO FCTC. Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC is also closely adhered to whereby the vested interest of the Tobacco Industry is being monitored and never allowed to interfere with the policies and tobacco control initiatives of the Ministry

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 vested interest if TI is being closely monitored and their moves are being watched. TI has never been able to interfere with the policy decision of the Ministry though they have tried by all means for instance for have a say in the amendments being brought to the current legislations. All requests from TI to meet Management to discuss matters pertaining to our TC policies have been turned down and proposals to set up manufacturing plants on our territory have been turned down

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 5.3 of the WHO FCTC” when developing or 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**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en>)

NA

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

NA

Please attach the relevant documentation.

C2. MEASURES RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF DEMAND FOR TOBACCO

With reference to Articles 6–14

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:

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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.

Since the submission of the 2018 Report, there has not been any increase in taxation of tobacco products but the government but other initiatives have been adopted to reduce demand for tobacco such as impactful sensitisation programmes and the services offered by our tobacco cessation clinics amongst others.

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

Yes ✓

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=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en>)

NOT APPLICABLE (NA)

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

NA

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

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

Yes ✓

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

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

The current legislation in force that is the Public Health (Restrictions on Tobacco Products) Regulations 2008, which is in process of being amended, provide for a complete ban on tobacco smoking in indoor areas, including workplace except in demarcated areas, in all public places. Smoking is also banned in public conveyances and in bars, restaurants, nightclubs, bus stops, bus stations, in all places where the public have access and in recreational places such as gymnasium and public gardens.

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

Yes ✓

Please provide details of this system.

The Public Health (Restrictions on Tobacco Products) Regulations 2008 is being enforced by the Public Health and Food Inspectorate Cadre of the Ministry and the Police. The monitoring and supervision of the enforcement activities is being catered by the Director for Health Services-Public Health with the technical assistance of the Tobacco Control Unit.

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 ⁶	Complete
universities	Complete
private workplaces	Partial
other (please specify below)	None

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

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

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

Banning tobacco smoking in indoor workplaces

The Public Health (Restrictions on Tobacco Products) Regulations 2008 bans smoking in indoor workplaces except in demarcated areas. However during the drafting stage of the current legislation, trade unionists stressed on the fact that the relevant provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act enforced by the Ministry of Labour and Industrial Relations do provide for the employees to decide as one of the rights.

Banning tobacco smoking in public transport

Complete ban in public transports

Banning tobacco smoking in indoor public places

Complete ban in all indoor public places.

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 tobacco legislation is being fully enforced in the implementation of article 8 of the WHO FCTC during the past two years following the submission of the previous report and several contraventions have been established by the enforcing agencies.

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

Yes ✓

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=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en>)

NA

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

NA

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?

No ✘

testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?

No ✘

regulating the contents of tobacco products?

No ✘

regulating the emissions of tobacco products?

No ✘

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.

It is to be highlighted that the amendments of the current legislation have taken on board the full implementation of article 9 of the WHO FCTC and constructive steps have been initiated for the past two years to include a relevant provision in the amended regulation for the implementation of article 9.

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 ✔

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=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en>)

NA

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.).

NA

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

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

contents of tobacco products?	No
emissions of tobacco products?	No

requiring public disclosure of information about the:

contents of tobacco products?	No
emissions of tobacco products?	No

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.

It is to be highlighted that the amendments of the current legislation has taken on board the full implementation of article 10 of the WHO FCTC and constructive steps have been initiated for the past two years to include a relevant provision in the amended regulation for the implementation of article 10.

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

No ✘

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.).

NA

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

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

Yes ✓

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 ✓

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 ✓

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

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings are rotated?

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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? No

emissions of tobacco products? No

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 ✓

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.

A second set of eight (8) pictorial health warnings have been approved and launched by the Ministry in 2018 and it is intended to rotate these graphic health warnings on plain packaging of tobacco products which the Ministry has agreed to embark with the Regulations being current amended. The amended regulations has also reviewed the surface coverage area of the front and back sides of the cigarette packages.

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

Yes ✓

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=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en>)

NA

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

NA

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

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)
 - 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)?
 - 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)
- 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 Ministry has on-going public awareness campaigns which target the community at large and same throughout the year. There is also capacity building on tobacco dependence treatment among the health professionals. Mass media campaign is also carried out using print media, social media such as facebook Radio and TV to educate smoke on the dangers of smoking and sensitize others not to start. Our Tobacco cessation clinics are also operating satisfactorily.

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=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en>)

NA

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

NA

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

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

Yes ✓

Does your ban cover:

- display and visibility of tobacco products at points of sales?
the domestic Internet?
the global Internet?
brand stretching and/or brand sharing?
 - product placement as a means of advertising or promotion?
 - the depiction of tobacco or tobacco use in entertainment media products?
 - tobacco sponsorship of international events or activities and/or participants therein?
 - contributions from tobacco companies to any other entity for “socially responsible causes” and/or any other activities implemented under the umbrella of “corporate social responsibility” by the tobacco industry?
cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from your territory?
the same forms of cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship entering your territory for which domestic regulation apply?
-

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

No ✘

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 ✘

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.

There is a total ban on TAPs on our territory and the law is being strictly enforced and closely monitored by the Ministry. The new amendments of the Public Health (Restrictions on Tobacco Products) Regulations 2008 have taken on board other issues to fully implement article 13 as well as cross border advertising and brand stretching amongst others.

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

Yes ✓

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=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=6v6g7a6pzyqmnyz&lang=en>)

NA

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

NA

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

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

No ✘

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)?
- toll-free tobacco information line 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
-

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?
-

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

Yes ✓

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	None
specialist health-care systems (please specify below)	None
specialized centres for cessation counselling and treatment of tobacco dependence	Fully
rehabilitation centres	None
other (please specify below)	None

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
-

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?

IN ALL PHARMACIES AROUND THE ISLAND

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)	None

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.

The success rate was estimated at 20% following an evaluation of the smoking cessation clinics by a WHO Consultant in 2017.

The services of our tobacco cessation clinics around the island have been enhanced and more smokers are being assisted with an increased sensitization programme.

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.

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NA

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

NONE

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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

With reference to Articles 15–17

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:

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 ✓

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 ✓

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 ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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 ✓

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

Yes ✓

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 ✓

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 ✓

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

Yes ✓

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 ✓

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

Yes ✓

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.

Illicit trade is being monitored and enforced jointly by the Ministry of Health and Wellness and the Customs Department of the Mauritius Revenue Authority. The number of illicit cigarettes seized indicates the relentless fight against illicit trade in tobacco products.

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

NONE

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?

Yes ✓

Please specify the legal age:

18

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?

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

prohibiting the sale of tobacco products from vending machines?

Yes ✓

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

to the public?

to minors?

prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually or in small packets?

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?

Yes ✓

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 current tobacco legislation is being fully enforced by the Authorities and several contraventions have been established for all cases of breach of the relevant provisions of the law pertaining to the sale of tobacco products to and by minors.

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

NONE

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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?	Not applicable
tobacco workers?	Not applicable
tobacco individual sellers?	Not applicable

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.

NOT APPLICABLE

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?

No

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

NOT APPLICABLE

Please attach the relevant documentation.

C4. OTHER MEASURES AND POLICIES

With reference to Articles 18–21

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:

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

the protection of the environment?	Not applicable
the health of persons in relation to the environment?	Not applicable

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

the protection of the environment?	Not applicable
the health of persons in relation to the environment?	Not applicable

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.

NOT APPLICABLE AS THERE ARE NO TOBACCO CULTIVATION IN MAURITIUS SINCE 2013

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?

No

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

NONE

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

No

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

Yes

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?

Not applicable

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

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

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.

NONE

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

NONE

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:

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 ✓

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

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

- Non-communicable Diseases Survey (1987, 1992, 1998, 2003, 2009 and 2015)
- Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2003, 2008 and 2016
- Global School Health Survey (GYTS) 2009 and 2017
- International Tobacco Control (ITC) Survey 2009 (Wave1), 2010(Wave 2) and 2012 (Wave3)

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.

NCD Survey needs to be carried out in 2021, the Global Youth Tobacco Survey is also carried out under the aegis of the Centre for Diseases Control. With the proposed introduction of Plain Packaging, International Tobacco Control Surveys Waves 4, 5 and 6 need to be planned accordingly

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?

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.

The last NCD Survey was carried out in 2015 and the Global Youth Tobacco Survey in 2016.

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).

NOT APPLICABLE

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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

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

Assistance provided	Yes
Assistance received	Yes

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

Assistance provided	Yes
Assistance received	Yes

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

Assistance provided	Yes
Assistance received	No

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

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	No

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

- Assistance extended by WHO for the pre-testing of the second set pictorial health warnings to be rotated over plain packaging of tobacco products.
 - Financial assistance was also provided by WHO under Biennium 2018-2019 for national murale painting competition for secondary school students.
 - WHO has also provided financial assistance for the provision of kits for smokers attending our tobacco cessation clinics around Mauritius.
 - Technical legal assistance from WHO for the amendments of the Public Health (Restrictions on Tobacco Products) Regulations 2008.
 - Mauritius provided technical assistance to other Parties by sharing our pictorial health warnings on cigarette packages.
-

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

- Mauritius granted permission to many countries to use our pictorial health warnings.
-

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.

Mauritius needs technical assistance to implement plain packaging of tobacco products.

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?

No ✘

E. PRIORITIES AND COMMENTS

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

- The main priority for Mauritius is the amendment to the Public Health (Restrictions on Tobacco Products) Regulations 2008 with the technical assistance provided by WHO. This amended legislation will actually take on board other articles to the WHO FCTC which were not previously considered.
- The introduction of Plain packaging of tobacco products is the utmost priority for the Ministry with the amendment to the legislation whereby the relevant legislation will be adopted.
- Law enforcement will be reviewed and strengthened to ensure better compliance and enforcement actions.
- The banning for sale of ENDS and ENNDS and the importation of smokeless tobacco products are also challenging and will be another priority for the Ministry.
- Regulating the contents and emission of tobacco products and testing of the products will be considered as well as Article 10 will be implemented.
- Cross border advertising, as well as brand stretching, will be another priority for the Ministry.
- A new National Action Plan on Tobacco Control for the period 2021-2025 will be devised by the Ministry whereby the implementation of WHO FCTC will be taken on board.

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

Yes ✔

Please provide details in the space below.

- The new National Action Plan on Tobacco Control 2021-2025 will be an opportunity to review and enhance our tobacco control strategies based on the need assessment done by WHO in 2013.
- There is also need to develop a media strategy to target our young generation and in line with the findings of the most recent survey conducted in the field of tobacco control that is the Global Youth Tobacco survey 2016.
- There is still a compelling need to devise a Taxation Policy for Mauritius as this will impact largely on our tobacco consumption.

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

The lack of technical expertise and assistance from WHO is strongly felt in the implementation of some articles of the WHO FCTC for example Article 9 and 10. There is a high need for the Convention Secretariat to help countries, willing to further implement the different articles of the Convention, by soliciting the technical assistance of WHO as and when required.

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

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.

Please note that smokeless tobacco products, ENDS, ENNDS and HTPs have entered the market illegally due to loopholes in our law and the same is being addressed in detail in our amendment to the existing tobacco legislations whereby enforcement actions are expected to redress the situation.

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

NONE

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

The reporting instrument is rather a user friendly and very helpful to Parties to auto-assess their respective tobacco control policies and strategies. It will be a good initiative if the Convention Secretariat could shed more light on the need and importance of the questionnaire on additional questions which is voluntary and appears to duplicate to some extent the core questionnaire, this might undoubtedly dispel the clouds.

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