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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	43.10	7.6
FEMALE	10.50	5.6
TOTAL (males and females)	25.80	7.2

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	39.5	7.6
FEMALE	7.5	5.6
TOTAL (males and females)	22.5	7.2

Occasional smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALE	3.60
FEMALE	3.00
TOTAL (males and females)	3.30

Former smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALE	15
FEMALE	8
TOTAL (males and females)	11

Never smokers

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

MALE	97.10
FEMALE	87.90
TOTAL (males and females)	92.80

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

cigarette, Snuff, chewing tobacco, betel

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

	From	To
Age range	25	64

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

2009

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

2009 WHO STEPS

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

Current smoker	Current Smokers among all respondents
Daily smoker	Percentage of current daily smokers among smokers
Occasional smoker	A person who smokes any tobacco product once on a while
Former smoker	People who used to smoke tobacco but quited smoking
Never smoker	A person who has never smoked any tobacco product, such as cigarettes, cigars or pipes

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.

data is not available to compare trends

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	25	34	41
MALES - current smokers ¹	35	44	48
MALES - current smokers ¹	45	54	43
MALES - current smokers ¹	55	64	39
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	25	34	10
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	35	44	12
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	45	54	10
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	55	64	8
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	25	34	22
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	35	44	29
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	45	54	28
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	55	64	26

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

cigarette, Snuff, chewing tobacco, betel

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

2009

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

2009 WHO STEPS

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.

no data to compare trends

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)	
Current users	2.9
Daily users	2.1
Occasional users	0.8
Never users	97.1

Females

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

Current users	12.1
Daily users	10.6
Occasional users	1.5
Never users	87.90

TOTAL (males and females)

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

Current users	7.8
Daily users	6.6
Occasional users	1.20
Never users	92.0

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

cigarette, Snuff, chewing tobacco, betel

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

	From	To
Age range	25	64

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

2009

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

2009, WHO, STEPS Survey

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	Current Smokers among all respondents
Daily user	Percentage of current daily smokers among smokers
Occasional user	A person who smokes any tobacco product once on a while
Former user	People who used to smoke tobacco but quited smoking
Never user	A person who has never smoked any tobacco product, such as cigarettes, cigars or pipes

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.

no data to compare trends

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)
MALES - current smokers ²	25	34	1
MALES - current smokers ²	35	44	2
MALES - current smokers ²	45	54	2
MALES - current smokers ²	55	64	2
FEMALES - current smokers ²	25	34	1
FEMALES - current smokers ²	35	44	3
FEMALES - current smokers ²	45	54	9
FEMALES - current smokers ²	55	64	10
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ²	25	34	1
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ²	34	44	2
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ²	45	54	5
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ²	55	64	6

Please indicate the smokeless tobacco products included in the answer to question B14:

snuff

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

2009

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

2009, WHO, STEPS

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.

no data to compare trends

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:

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:

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	14.5	20.3	
GIRLS - Current users ⁴	13-15	9.7		
TOTAL (boys and girls) - Current users ⁴	13-15	12.1		

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

Manufactured cigarette, Hand- rolled cigarette, Snuff, chewing tobacco, Water pipes/ Shisa, Pipes, Cigars, Mini cigars/Cigarillos

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:

2017 Global Youths Tobacco Survey

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

Current smokers among all respondents

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.

The 2008 GYTS survey was conducted only for Western Area whilst 2017 GYTS survey was conducted for the whole country. Lifestyle in an urban setting like (Western Area) where the 2008 survey was conducted may be different from the other parts of the country. Shisa for example, which is very popular in Western Area is not very common in the other parts of the country. So it might not be fair to compare the data.

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 (%)

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).

Exposure to tobacco at the workplace:

men (76.1),

women (82.5),

both sexes (68.9)

Exposure o tobacco at home:

men (76.9),

women (70.8),

both sexes (73.6)

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

2009

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

2009 STEPS WHO

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.

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:

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

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

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

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
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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.

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

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:

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

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))?

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

Specific tax only No
 Ad valorem tax only Yes
 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 tax ⁵
Smoking tobacco products	cigarettes	Import Duty	20%	at point of entry
Smoking tobacco products	cigarettes, cigars	Goods and services tax	15%	
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes, cigars	Excise tax - Ad Valorem	30%	at point of entry
Smoking tobacco products	Cigars	Import Duty	20%	at point of entry

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.

Sales tax was 15% before 2010.

Until now, in 2017, GST is still at 15%.

The 2017 Financial Act (FA) proposed increment of IMPORT DUTY at point of entry

From 10%-20% for cigarettes & Remains at 20% for cigars

The 2017 FA also introduced: Excise duty from 0-30% recently in 2017 but payment based on sales

However it is important to note that Import Duty paid at point of entry, is easier to implement compared to where Excise duty is taxed after sales.

ECOWAS has adopted a new legal framework on tobacco taxation. The Directive set minimum the advalorem tax at 50% and a specific Excise tax on tobacco products at 0.02 USD per single stick, 20USD per kilogramme for all other tobacco products.

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

No ✘

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:
National Revenue Authority, Regional ECOWAS Directive

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Revenue Impact of Proposed Tobacco Excise Tax Increase Scenarios in Sierra Leone , World Bank Group Mission Freetown, Sierra Leone November 9-17, 2017	No comment	File type "pdf"
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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
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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	Bond street	20	Le 5,000	USD 0.65
Smoking tobacco products	Marlboro	20	Le 10,000	USD 1.3
Smoking tobacco products	Gold Seal Mentol /Filter	10	Le2,000	USD 0.26

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

2017

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

Sierra Leone Cigarette Seller Association

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.

Cost change is not significant

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?	No
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).

The focal point of the tobacco control unit is a staff of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, The focal point is the Director of Noncommunicable Diseases. A National Tobacco Control Task force has been set up with representatives from wide range of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), nongovernmental organizations (NGO's), Civil Society Organisations, Religious leaders. Sub committees Committees are normally setup within the task force to address specific articles of the convention.

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 Tobacco Control Strategic Plan 2018 to 2022 has been approved by the Ministry of Health and sent to the WHO FCTC Secretariat. A draft tobacco control bill has been popularized throughout the country. The draft bill is now in its final stage for submission to parliament for approval and subsequently passed into law when signed by the president. The Directorate is currently reviewing the Noncommunicable Diseases strategic plan that will speak to the tobacco bill.

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

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?

No ✘

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 ✘

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.

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

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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?

No ✘

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.

Import regulations:

Free import (irrespective of age) of the 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of tobacco.

Export regulations:

Free export of a reasonable quantity of imported tobacco for personal use.

Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 6 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.

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:

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

No ✘

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

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	None
	trains	None
	ferries	None
	ground public transport (buses, trolleybuses, trams)	None
	motor vehicles used as places of work (taxis, ambulances, delivery vehicles)	None
	private vehicles	None
	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	None
	shopping malls	None
	pubs and bars	None
	nightclubs	None
	restaurants	None
	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

Banning tobacco smoking in public transport

Banning tobacco smoking in 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.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 8 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.

Although there is no national legislation relating to the measures required under Article 8 of the Convention and its implementation guidelines, some administrative and executive orders have been adopted and implemented in a few settings.

The Minister responsible for health and Sanitation, advised by the Health Education Division of the Ministry, has banned smoking on its premises. The Ministry has also successfully implemented smoke-free zones in three tertiary hospitals (Children’s Hospital, Connaught Hospital and Princess Christian Maternity Hospital), and through the involvement of respective student bodies, it has implemented smoke-free zones in two educational institutions: the Njala University and the Milton Margai College of Education and Technology.

The Attitudinal and Behavioural Change Secretariat of the Ministry of Information is working on creating smoke-free environments, particularly in the Yougi Building of the Government, which hosts several Government ministries. The code of conduct for employees of Statistics Sierra Leone forbids smoking within the premises of its offices.

Regarding children and young people, the Ministry of Education introduced a code of conduct for teachers stating that “no teacher can send a student to purchase cigarettes and teachers are not permitted to smoke on school grounds.”

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.

Sierra Leone does not have any policy in place regulating the contents and emissions of tobacco products.

The Sierra Leone Standards Bureau has the capacity to test tobacco products; however no legal requirement exists for the performance of such testing.

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 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.).

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.

No policy has been put in place yet requiring the importers of tobacco products to disclose to Governmental authorities information about the contents and emissions of those products. Consequently, such information is not available to the public, with the exception of imported tobacco products containing such information due to the regulations in the countries from which they originate.

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.).

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?

No ✘

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?

No ✘

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?

No

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

No

ensuring that the health warnings are rotated?

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

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| constituents of tobacco products? | No |
| emissions of tobacco products? | No |
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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?

No

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 National Tobacco Control Strategy 2012–2016 requires that packages of cigarettes sold in Sierra Leone carry the warning “Smoking is dangerous to your health” on 10% of one of the main surface areas. The Strategy also foresees that commercialized cigarette packs will carry the statement “For Sale in Sierra Leone only”. However, these proposals have not yet been enforced. At a widely used point of sale, few tobacco products offered for sale actually carry these warnings, but that most of the products checked only carried the warnings stipulated by the country of origin.

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

No ✘

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

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.)*

No ✘

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?

No ✘

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.

Sensitization on the effects of tobacco has been going on with support from various Civil Society Organizations locally. Unfortunately there is poor coordination, lack technical skills and no funding to support them. Many tobacco users are not aware of the health hazards and addictive nature of tobacco, while non-tobacco users lack knowledge of the effects of exposure to tobacco smoke.

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

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

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?

No ✕

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

No

applying restrictions on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?

No

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

No

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

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

No

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

No

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

No

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?
-

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 no comprehensive ban on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship yet in place in Sierra Leone, but the (former) Sierra Leone Broadcasting Service (now called the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation), in collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Communication, implemented a regulation requiring that all forms of national tobacco advertisement include a message stating the dangers of tobacco use. However, such measures have not been fully enforced by the Government

Have you utilized the "Guidelines for implementation of Article 13 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.

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)?
 - 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?

No ✘

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?

No ✘

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.

Sierra Leone has not developed or implemented comprehensive guidelines on tobacco dependence and cessation, but this requirement is included in the National Tobacco Control Strategy 2012–2016.

Have you utilized the “Guidelines for implementation of Article 14 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.

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?

No ✘

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?

No ✘

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?

No ✘

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?

No ✘

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

No ✘

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.

Financial act 2010 imposes a Revenue stamps for tobacco and alcohol products.

The Custom Act 2011 in its section 74 as well (attached)

Task force started high level consultations for its ratification

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

Need support to facilitate and implement the process

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:

prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?

No ✘

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 ✘

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 ✘

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

No

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

No

prohibiting the sale of tobacco products from vending machines?

No

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

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?

No

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

No

prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?

No

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.

There is no policy requiring such measures but we are on the process of legislating tobacco products protecting children from getting access to tobacco products.

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

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?	No
tobacco workers?	No
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.

Tobacco production and processing used to be a major activity in Sierra Leone before the civil war; the country was able to meet domestic demand and export tobacco. At that time the Aureol Tobacco Company enjoyed a monopoly of manufacturing and distribution of tobacco. Currently the Aureol Tobacco Company has shutdown and discontinued tobacco processing and production in the country. Tobacco imports were banned. Although there were reports of smuggling, this was not to the level of threatening the viability of the local monopoly.

Tobacco farmers shifted to growing other crops, such as a new variety of potato (Roport) that had been propagated by the Agricultural Research Institute at the Njala University College. In the Northern Province, formerly the largest supplier of tobacco, reverted to groundnut and maize growing. But small-scale tobacco growing still takes place in the Northern districts of Bombali and Kambia.

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.

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

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

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.

Sierra Leone does not grow significant volumes of raw tobacco and there is no tobacco manufacturing company in the country. However, the National Tobacco Control Strategy recognizes that given the current drive by multinational companies to invest in developing countries, Sierra Leone contains land that could potentially be the target of such investment. Furthermore, the Strategy warns that Sierra Leone must avoid the experiences of other African tobacco-producing countries in which tobacco farming has been a major cause of environmental destruction and desertification.

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.

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?

No

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

No

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?

No

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

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.

No activities have been implemented in relation to this Article in Sierra Leone. There are also no policy or legislative measures related to this article.

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

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?

No ✘

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

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.

Research undertaken so far has mostly focused on patterns of tobacco consumption, and was implemented in collaboration with WHO and its partners. For example, Sierra Leone has conducted two surveys on tobacco consumption among adults and young people, respectively. The Global Youth Tobacco Survey was conducted in 2008 and in 2017, in collaboration with WHO and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, among young people aged 13–15 years. WHO STEPS survey was conducted nationally in 2009 among adults aged 25–64 years, funded by WHO. It included questions on tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke.

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.

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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

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

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

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 No

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

Assistance provided Yes

Assistance received Yes

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.

Tobacco control programmes in Sierra Leone are largely dependent on international donor funding. The Government departments and agencies that implement tobacco control efforts mostly provide technical expertise for the development and implementation of programmes. The current donor is UK Government through FCTC 2030 Project.

Cooperation with international agencies

The most important cooperation agencies /institutions include the WHO Country Office, WHO AFRO, Convention Seceratriat and Knowledge hub centers (namely University of Cape Town).

International Legal Consortium also provided support.

ECOWAS in tobacco Taxation and illicit trade Control

UNDP in the tobacco investment case

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

Technical Support on all areas of tobacco control FCTC 2030 Development team /CSF
 Assistance in Tax issues (UCT)
 Assistance in legal drafting by law officers department Sierra Leone
 Assistance in tobacco Tax harmonization and illicit trade Control ECOWAS
 Assistance in popularization of the draft bill by Health for all Coalition a Civil Society Group

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.

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?

Legislating tobacco products
 Sensitization on effects of tobacco
 Ratification of the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products
 National cessation plan developed and integrated into primary healthcare and exploration of other support systems for people who want to stop smoking.

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.

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

1. Absence of legislation on tobacco control
2. Lack of established functional FCTC Secretariat
3. Change of public health priorities such as Ebola outbreak & mudslide
4. Bureaucracy in accessing/contacting line Ministries, Parliament etc

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | smokeless tobacco products |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | water pipe tobacco |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) |
| | Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS) |
| | heated tobacco products (HTPs) |
| e cigarette | Other |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | smokeless tobacco products |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | water pipe tobacco |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 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 provide any other relevant information not covered elsewhere that you consider important.

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