

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

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Start date	May (5)	2018 (19)
End date	April (4)	2020 (21)

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## B1. TOBACCO CONSUMPTION

### Prevalence of tobacco use

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

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

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#### Current smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)	Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day
MALE	40.0	
FEMALE	15.9	
TOTAL (males and females)	24.5	

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## Daily smokers

	<b>Prevalence (%)</b> <b>(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)</b>	<b>Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day</b>
MALE	37.8	10.8
FEMALE	14.5	9.7
TOTAL (males and females)	22.8	10.3

## Occasional smokers

	<b>Prevalence (%)</b> <b>(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)</b>
MALE	2.2
FEMALE	1.5
TOTAL (males and females)	1.7

## Former smokers

	<b>Prevalence (%)</b> <b>(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)</b>
MALE	14.4
FEMALE	9.0
TOTAL (males and females)	10.9

## Never smokers

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

MALE	45.7
FEMALE	75.1
TOTAL (males and females)	64.6

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

Manufactured tobacco products including cigarettes, hand rolled, cigars or pipes

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

	From	To
Age range	18	69

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

2017

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

Tonga STEPS Survey Report 2017 Fact Sheet

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

Current smoker	those who currently smoke any form of tobacco products over the past 30 days
Daily smoker	those who currently smoke any form of tobacco products every day
Occasional smoker	those who currently smoke tobacco products but not daily
Former smoker	those who used to smoke but already quit more than 12 months
Never smoker	those who never smoked any tobacco products

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.

This Report uses the most recent data on tobacco use in Tonga which is the Tonga STEPS Survey conducted in 2017. We can make explanation on the trend in comparison with the STEPS Survey conducted in 2004 and 2012 (already reported in previous Reports). So, the trends in comparison with the STEPS 2004, 2014, there is a downhill trend in the prevalence of current smoking from 31% in 2004 to 29.3% in 2012 and further down to 24.5% in 2017 for both male and female, and from 27.6% in 2004 to 22.8% in 2017 for daily smoking. There is no significant difference in the number of male smokers as well as in female smokers over the years.

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

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

	Range - start age	Range - end age	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	18	29	42
MALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	30	44	44
MALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	45	69	35
FEMALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	18	29	18
FEMALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	30	44	19
FEMALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	45	69	11
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	18	29	27
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	30	44	27
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers <sup>1</sup>	45	69	21

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

Manufactured tobacco products such as cigarettes, cigars and pipes.

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

2017

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

Tonga STEPS Survey 2017 - Report still not published

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

There is a change in the pattern of current smoking since the last report submitted in 2016: According to the STEPS 2012 (reported in 20-year categories), the highest prevalence was in 45-64 aged males with 49% smoking, and in 25-44 aged females with 16% smoking. Whereas in STEPS 2017 (reported in 10-year categories) the highest prevalence was in 30-44 aged males with 44% (18-29 yrs was 42%), and in 25-34 aged females with 19% (18-29yrs was 18%). To sum up, there is a change in the pattern of smoking prevalence across age groups where younger age groups smoke more than older age groups.

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

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

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### **Males**

**Prevalence (%)**

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

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### **Females**

**Prevalence (%)**

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

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

**Prevalence (%)**

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

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

Not applicable since smokeless tobacco products are not available in Tonga.

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

**From To**

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

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

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

Current user  
Daily user  
Occasional user  
Former user  
Never user

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

## 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:

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



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

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

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## Tobacco use by ethnic group(s)

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

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

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

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
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Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B15:

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

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## 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 <sup>4</sup>	13 yrs - 15 yrs	22.1		
BOYS - Current users <sup>4</sup>	16 yrs - 17yrs	37.3		
BOYS - Current users <sup>4</sup>	13yrs - 17yrs	26.7		
GIRLS - Current users <sup>4</sup>	13 yrs - 15yrs	6.8		
GIRLS - Current users <sup>4</sup>	16yrs - 17yrs	15.0		
GIRLS - Current users <sup>4</sup>	13 yrs - 17yrs	9.5		
TOTAL (boys and girls) - Current users <sup>4</sup>	13 yrs - 15yrs	14.6		
TOTAL (boys and girls) - Current users <sup>4</sup>	16yrs - 17yrs	25.6		
TOTAL (boys and girls) - Current users <sup>4</sup>	13yrs - 17yrs	18.1		

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

Manufactured cigarettes and rolled tobacco products

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:

Tonga GSHS 2017 Fact Sheet (report not yet published)

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

Percentage of students who currently smoked cigarettes (smoked cigarettes on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)

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

There is a decrease in the prevalence of smoking in young persons aged 13yrs to 15yrs when compare with the first Tonga GSHS 2010, a decrease from 21.6% in 2010 to 14.6% in 2017 for both sexes. Also a marked decrease of smoking in young girls of same age group from 23.8% in 2010 to 6.8% in 2017 whereas smoking in young boys continues to rise from 19.2% to 22.1% during the same period.

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).

Percentage of students who reported that people smoked in their presence on one or more days during the 7 days before the survey (Tonga GSHS 2017)

Age-group Gender

M F Total

13-15yrs 54.1 48.1 51.1

16-17yrs 64.0 53.4 58.7

13-17yrs 57.0 49.8 53.5

Exposure to smoke in the past 30 days by gender in workplaces and home among adults 18-69 years (2017 NCD STEPS Survey):

Men Women Both

Workplace:

18-69yrs 17.4 14.8 15.8

Home:

18-69yrs 33.9 31.5 32.4

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

2017

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

Tonga GSHS 2017; Tonga STEPS Survey 2017

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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**Tonga STEP**

**Survey 2017**

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## Tobacco-related mortality

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

No ✘

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

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

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

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Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

## Tobacco-related costs

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

No

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Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

## Supply of tobacco and tobacco products

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

Licit supply of tobacco products

	<b>Product</b>	<b>Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)</b>	<b>Domestic production</b>	<b>Retail sales</b>	<b>Exports</b>	<b>Imports</b>
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes	kg		TOP\$19-20 per 20 sticks		36970.40
Smokeless tobacco products	n/a					

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

Data not available

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

2018

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

Tonga customs Management System, 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
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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.

Data not available for the reporting period

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?

Yes ✓

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

Data not available

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

Data not available.

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:

Observation: no data available.

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

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

	<b>Product</b>	<b>Type of tax</b>	<b>Rate or amount</b>	<b>Base of tax<sup>5</sup></b>
Smoking tobacco products	Imported cigarettes	Excise tax	\$600	per 1000 sticks
Smoking tobacco products		Duty	15%	advalorem
Smoking tobacco products		CT (VAT)	15%	CIF+Duty+Excise tax
Smoking tobacco products	Locally produced cigarettes	Excise Tax	\$500	per 1000 sticks
Smoking tobacco products		Duty	15%	Advalorem
Smoking tobacco products		CT (VAT)	15%	CIF+Duty+Excise Tax
Smoking tobacco products	Locally grown tobacco	Excise Tax	\$200	per kg
Smokeless tobacco products	n/a			

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 trend of taxation continues to increase over the past years.

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:

2018

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

Tonga Custom and Revenue Department

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.

	<b>Name of the most widely sold brands</b>	<b>Number of units or amount per package</b>	<b>Retail price</b>	<b>Currency</b>
Smoking tobacco products	Tongan Tobacco	30 grams	\$7.00	TOP
Smoking tobacco products	Halo	20 cigarettes	\$15.50	TOP
Smoking tobacco products	Palataisi	20 cigarettes	\$16.50	TOP

## Imported

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

	<b>Name of the most widely sold brands</b>	<b>Number of units or amount per package</b>	<b>Retail price</b>	<b>Currency</b>
Smoking tobacco products	Pall Mall	20 cigarettes	\$19.00	TOP
Smoking tobacco products	Marlboro	20 cigarettes	\$19.00	TOP

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

2018

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

Tonga Custom & Revenue Department

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 is an increase in the retail prices of tobacco products over the past two years.

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).

As of the last report, the national coordination mechanism for Tobacco Control sits within the national NCD Governance Body which is a Cabinet approved committee chaired by the Chief Executive Officer for Health. It has a multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary membership and has been advised and supported by four advisory committees for Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, Tobacco and Alcohol. The membership of these advisory committees is made up of representatives from government, the private sector, NGOs, and civil society to engender a whole of society and people-centered approach to NCDs prevention and control. Tobacco Advisory Committee is chaired by the Secretary General of the Tonga Red Cross Society with members include representatives from Ministry of Health and Tobacco Control Unit, Finance and National Planning Department, Ministry of Police, Ministry of Revenue and Customs, Port Authority, Crown Law Department, Statistics Department, National Church Leaders Forum, Salvation Army, Tonga National Youth Congress and Tonga Health.

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.

Over the past two years since the last report, there has been better coordination and active collaboration from all sectors involved in terms of responsibility and roles they played in the national tobacco control coordination and management levels. There were more funding secured from Tonga Health as the primary donor for implementation of the national strategy including tobacco control, and also better coordination of the implementation of the national Strategy. There is also strong political support from government that allows consistent increases in tobacco taxation more recently. Also support from Church Leaders in enforcement of the tobacco free places in church facilities.

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

The Tobacco Control Unit is under the leadership of the Chief Medical Officer of the Public Health Division of the Ministry of Health, and the management of the Head of the NCD-Health Promotion Unit of the Public Health Division. It has 6 full time working staff: 1 senior tobacco control officer responsible for planning, development and coordinating the implementation of the Units annual work plan, 2 authorized enforcement officers responsible for the enforcement of the Tobacco Control Act, 2 cessation officers that responsible for conducting quit counseling and provide cessation services for smokers who want to quit, and 1 graphic designer responsible for graphics and IEC materials production.

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

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

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

No ✘

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

No ✘

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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.

Remains the same as in the last Report.

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

No ✘

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

none

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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

*With reference to Articles 6–14*

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

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

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

Yes ✔

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

Yes ✔

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

Yes ✔

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

Sales to travelers remain the same. As of 2018 new taxation increase that came into effect in July, the excise tax on imported cigarette increased from TOP\$450/1000 sticks to \$600; and locally produced from \$350 to \$500. Taxation imposed on locally grown tobacco (Tapaka Tonga) for the first time TOP\$200 per kg.

Passengers arriving to Tonga are only allowed 250 cigarettes or 250g of tobacco. (Reference: <http://www.revenue.gov.to/Article.aspx?ID=1907>)

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

Yes ✓

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If you answered “Yes” to question C215 please provide details in the space below or refer to section H of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=ajnu9few3xqxm6q&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=ajnu9few3xqxm6q&lang=en>)

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke

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

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

Yes ✓

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

national law	Yes
subnational law(s)	No
administrative and executive orders	Yes
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.

As in the last report, the amended Tobacco Control Act 2014 was put into force in Feb 29th 2016. It has been amended to improve the effectiveness of existing legislation to curb the widespread use of tobacco products, to reduce exposure to secondhand smoking and to reduce the appeal of smoking to young people. It also includes complete banning (100%) of smoking in all licensed premises with owners are liable to heavy fines for failing to protect people from cigarette smoke on their premises. Authorized officers have been empowered to issue on-the-spot fines of 100TOP for individuals who smoke in smoke free areas, along with further fines if violators fail to provide information or comply with directions given by the officers.

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

Yes ✓

Please provide details of this system.

The Minister of Health has the authority to authorize enforcement officers submitted by the Ministry of Health to assist the Police Department in enforcing the Act. There is also a Tobacco Enforcement Unit established within the Ministry of Health under the management of the Head of the NCD-Health Promotion Unit that conduct ongoing enforcement activities throughout Tonga including outer islands.

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

### Indoor workplaces:

government buildings	Complete
health-care facilities	Complete
educational facilities <sup>6</sup>	Complete
universities	None
private workplaces	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.

### Public transport:

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

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

Kava clubs (kalapu kavatonga)

**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

Complete ban as stated in the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Act 2014 (TCA)

Banning tobacco smoking in public transport

Complete ban as stated in the TCA 2014

## Banning tobacco smoking in indoor public places

Complete ban as stated in the TCA 2014

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

Tonga was successful in the submission of its amended Tobacco Control Act 2014 where it was passed and signed by His Majesty the King on 18 Feb 2016, and immediately put into force on Feb 29, 2016. This Act has amendment for protection from exposure to tobacco smoke as already mentioned above. There has been an active enforcement of the Act over the past two years in regards to smoking in smoke-free places clearly stated in the Act where increasing numbers of cases brought into custody for violating that component.

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

Yes ✓

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If you answered "Yes" to question C229 please provide details in the space below or refer to section B of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=ajnu9few3xqxm6q&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=ajnu9few3xqxm6q&lang=en>)

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

100% smoke free in any places where kava-tonga (local kava party) is served is also in the amended TCA 2014 - tobacco smoking is prevalent in such social gatherings.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Regulation of the contents of tobacco products

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

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testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

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testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

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regulating the contents of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

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regulating the emissions of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

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

Remains the same as in the last Report. Already in the Regulation but not enforced.

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

No ✕

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g., whether your country 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.).

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

**Tobacco**      No comment  
**Regulation 2006**

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## Regulation of tobacco product disclosures

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

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

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

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requiring public disclosure of information about the:

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

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

Remains the same as in the last Report. Its clearly stated in the Regulation and Act but not enforced.

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

No ✘

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

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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:

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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 ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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ensuring that the health warnings are rotated?

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

No ✘

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

constituents of tobacco products? Yes

emissions of tobacco products? Yes

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

Yes ✓

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

Remains the same as in the last Report, which is already in the Regulation and Act but not enforced.

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

Yes ✓

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If you answered “Yes” to question C2516 please provide details in the space below or refer to section D of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=ajnu9few3xqxm6q&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=ajnu9few3xqxm6q&lang=en>)

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

As in the last Report, there is working currently undertaken to review the Regulation to match with the recent amendments made to the Act with one of the key components of this review is the graphic (pictorial) warnings. Field works through focus groups survey to assess the effects of selected tobacco health thread images already carried out by the Tobacco Team in collaboration with WHO Suva Office, and finding has been assisting in the development of the new Regulation.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## **Education, communication, training and public awareness**

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

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

Yes ✓

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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
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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
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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?
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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.

An ongoing activity throughout the years through multi-media, community training through healthy settings (schools, workplaces, churches and villages), and provision of IEC materials.

Also a national mass media campaign on tobacco conducted annually since 2016 with theme "Tuku Ifi Leva" (Quit Smoking Now), and the last campaign will be this year 2020 as it aligns with the life of the current national Strategy for control and prevention of NCDs.

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=ajnu9few3xqxm6q&lang=en>

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship

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

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

Yes ✓

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

No ✗

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

Yes ✓

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

Remains the same as in the last Report... already stated clearly in the Tobacco Act 2014

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

Yes ✓

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If you answered “Yes” to question C2715 please provide details in the space below or refer to section F of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=ajnu9few3xqxm6q&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=ajnu9few3xqxm6q&lang=en>)

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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

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

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

Yes ✓

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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?

Yes ✓

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

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

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

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

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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
- health officers, nursing practitioners, health promotion officers and tobacco enforcement and cessation officers
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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 ✓

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

The Tobacco Enforcement and Cessation Unit is responsible for purchasing of the products. The products also available at the private clinics and pharmacies.

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

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

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

- nicotine replacement therapy      Partially
- bupropion
- varenicline
- other (please specify below)

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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.

Ongoing provision of quitline services and supports to those who wanted to quit through quitline calls or through referral from other health facilities or community services.

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

Yes ✓

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

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

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

*With reference to Articles 15–17*

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

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

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

No ✘

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

No ✘

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

Yes ✔

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

No ✘

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

Yes ✔

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

No ✘

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

Yes ✓

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

No ✗

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

No ✗

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

There is strong collaboration among responsible sectors over the past years that resulted in identification of few cases of illicit trade of tobacco products and brought into custody.

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

n/a

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Sales to and by minors

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

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prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?

Yes ✓

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Please specify the legal age:

18

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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prohibiting the sale of tobacco products from vending machines?

Yes ✓

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

- to the public?
  - to minors?
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prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually or in small packets?

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?

Yes ✓

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

The current TCA 2014 has covered most of the areas in Article 16 that werent covered by the principal Act in the past years, particularly on banning display at point of sale, and prohibiting the sale to and by minors. There is ongoing active enforcement of the Act on this area with few cases have brought into custody and found quilt for violating the Act.

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

n/a

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## **Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities**

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

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promoting economically viable and sustainable alternatives for:

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

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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.

Remains the same as in the last Report.

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

No

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

The Department of Customs and Revenue had been conducted many public consultations over the years with the local tobacco growers in how to control and regulate locally grown tobacco supply and demand... an outcome of those meetings was the imposing of TOP\$200 taxation for the first time on locally grown tobacco. They still working on how to coordinate the selling of tobacco products locally.

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.

Remains the same as in the last Report.

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

No

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

n/a

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Liability

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

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

Yes

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

Remains the same as in the last Report.

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

n/a

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Research, surveillance and exchange of information

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

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developing and/or promoting research that addresses:

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

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

Yes ✓

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a national system for epidemiological surveillance of:

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

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

STEPS Survey 2004; STEPS Survey 2012; GYTS 2010; GSHS 2010, Tonga GSHS 2017; STEPS Survey 2017 (only fact sheet available, official report not yet published)

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

The Ministry of Health is planning to do a follow up STEPS Survey and GSHS next year as part of the national NCD Strategy end review.

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regional and global exchange of publicly available national:

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

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

n/a

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

n/a

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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:

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

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	Yes

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

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	Yes

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

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	Yes

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

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	Yes

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

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	Yes

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

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	No

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

Assistance received from WHO, DFAT, Nossal Institute for Global Health, Quit Vicotoria, Vic Health Foundation, Lung Cancer Foundation, FCTC, Tonga Health Foundation

Assistance provided to health care workers throughout Tonga included the outer islands;

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

As in the last Report, technical and financial assistance received included trainings on quitline and cessation supports; technical advisors on social marketing and creative media production in preparation for our mass-media tobacco campaigns, adaptation of TV ads on tobacco campaigns from various organizations in overseas to local context, conducting pretesting and analysis of tobacco TV ads and promotional materials; conducting need assessment on the implementation of FCTC in Tonga; and provision of vehicle for enforcement activities to retail shops and smoke free areas.

Technical assistance provided by Tobacco Control Unit Officers to health care workers included training on tobacco brief interventions, quitline and counseling supports for smokers who want to quit. Also provided technical support and assistance in the development of the new NCD Strategys tobacco component.

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

As stated in D6: Tonga still needs financial and technical support in this area

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

Yes ✓

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Please provide details in the space below.

Through attending international and regional meetings on tobacco control; and through the local multisectoral tobacco control national committee.

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## E. PRIORITIES AND COMMENTS

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

- > Strengthening enforcement activities
  - > Locally grown tobacco: conduct survey to get baseline information on the extent of cultivation, sales and use for informed decision
  - > Amendment of Act and Regulation to comply as closely as possible to FCTC recommendations, and to include locally grown tobacco and other gaps identified in the need assessment
  - > Strengthen research and surveillance particularly on tobacco related morbidity and mortality, and tobacco related costs (economic impact of tobacco related diseases) for informed decisions
  - > Tonga to accept and sign the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (WHO)
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Have you identified any specific gaps between the resources available and the needs assessed for implementing the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control?

Yes ✓

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Please provide details in the space below.

< Lack of financial resources and human capacity to carry out enforcement activities

< Lack of data on the locally grown tobacco and other priority areas including tobacco related mortality and economic costs

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

> Influence from Tobacco Industries at high levels of Government and has sought to weaken legislation and influence amendments on smoke-free bans.

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.

Since ENDS/ENNDS already available in Tonga, it is already in the agenda of the Tobacco Control Unit to be considered in further amendments of the TCA.

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

n/a

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

n/a

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