

## 1. Details about the cigarettes tax

### CIGARETTE TAX STRUCTURE – SRI LANKA Year 2006

This is based on the length of the cigarettes and the tax is calculated for 1000 cigarettes

Cigarettes each not exceeding 60 mm in length	Rs. 2,223.00
Cigarettes exceeding 60 mm up to 67 mm in length	Rs. 3,722.00
Cigarettes exceeding 67 mm up to 72 mm in length	Rs. 5,919.00
Cigarettes exceeding 72 mm up to 84 mm in length	Rs. 7,018.00
Cigarettes exceeding 84 mm in length	Rs. 7,306.00

Source: *Department of Fiscal Policy, Sri Lanka*

## 2. Details about the Tobacco and Alcohol Act

We passed this act in July 2006 in the parliament and the date of operation for all purpose of the act was declared as 01<sup>st</sup> December 2006. **The provisions of all types of Advertising, Promotions and Sponsorships, Prohibition of sales to persons under 21 and also Prohibition of smoking in public enclosed places are in full operation.**

But, other regulations pertaining to Health warning, packaging & labeling also the point of sales notices (Only the mentioning of brand name and the price are allowed and we need to prescribe the dimensions by regulations) we have put provisions in the act itself If and when it is necessary to make regulations. Our immediate next step is to make these regulations.

A copy of the act will be sent by courier.

## 3. Experts interview

As there is no TFI focal point, only 4 experts were interviewed.

And I am the person in charge of Tobacco control in the Ministry of Health. Therefore I included my comments as the expert # 1, As I am the person who involved in drafting the regulations, and also the survey coordinator, if necessary I can interview our Director General of Health services instead of me. Pl. advise in this regard!

**NO TOBACCO PROGRAMME  
NON COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UNIT  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
SRI LANKA**

**AIM**

1. To deter children from smoking
2. To protect non-smokers
3. To provide all smokers/general public with information about the health effects of tobacco

**MAJOR ACTIVITIES**

1. **Launching an awareness campaign named “*No Tobacco Programme*”.**
2. **Heighten the role of media and youth in tobacco control using the World No Tobacco Day themes.**
3. **Sensitizing professionals on tobacco control.**
4. **Develop and strengthen anti-tobacco associations at schools.**
5. **Convene the advisory committee on tobacco control regularly at the ministry of Health where the stakeholders from relevant departments and NGO are participating.**
6. **Advocacy on tobacco control at the policy level.**

# **Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee on Framework Convention on Tobacco control (FCTC) Implementation in Sri Lanka**

## **The Terms of Reference**

### ***Objective:***

To implement provisions identified in the FCTC to the maximum possible level, through multisectoral tobacco control strategies in order to reduce continually and substantially the prevalence of tobacco use and exposure to tobacco use.

### ***Functions:***

1. Develop, update and review multisectoral tobacco control strategies.
2. Act as a nodal point and coordination with other relevant ministries, departments and organizations engaged in tobacco control.
3. Develop, adopt and implement legislative, administrative and other measures with other stakeholder parties in developing appropriate policies for preventing and reducing tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke.
4. Advocacy on tobacco control.
5. Provision of guidance and technical expertise, where necessary, to other stakeholder parties to implement action oriented strategies.
6. Dissemination of information on consequences of tobacco use to general public.

### ***Appointment of members:***

Secretary, Ministry of Health shall appoint the members to the committee.

### ***Composition of the committee:***

The committee shall comprise a chairperson, Secretary and the Members. The Secretary, Ministry of Health shall be the ex-officio Chairperson of the committee. The Director/Non Communicable Diseases of the Ministry of Health shall be the ex-officio Secretary of the Committee. The members will be the officials from the relevant ministries, departments and institutions engaged/involved in tobacco control and prevention.

### ***Convening of the committee:***

The Ministry of Health, which is the focal point for this committee shall convene the meetings regularly.