

One of the biggest challenges in regulation of Smokeless Tobacco (SLT) products with respect to various FCTC provisions is the way it has been defined by the Parties under tobacco control or other laws.

Of the 179 Parties, 135 (75%) Parties have defined the term 'SLT product' in their domestic legislation in several different and unique ways:

## Express definition

One hundred and twelve Parties either clearly included SLT under the term 'tobacco product' or have exclusively defined SLT products and/or the manner in which SLT products are used -Chew, Chewing, Snuff, Sniffing, Suck, Sucking, Suction, Inhale, Inhaling, Smell, Smelling, Dipping, Oral use, Nasal, Nasal use, Smokeless tobacco (Fig. 1).

## General definition

Thirteen Parties have made a general definition as follows (Fig. 1):

- Tobacco product, that is wholly/entirely or partly/partially made of tobacco/tobacco plant/tobacco leaf/tobacco extract; OR
- Any product containing tobacco and intended for human consumption in any manner; OR
- Tobacco product used in "any other way", "any manner" or "any form" other than cigarettes/cigar/smoking.

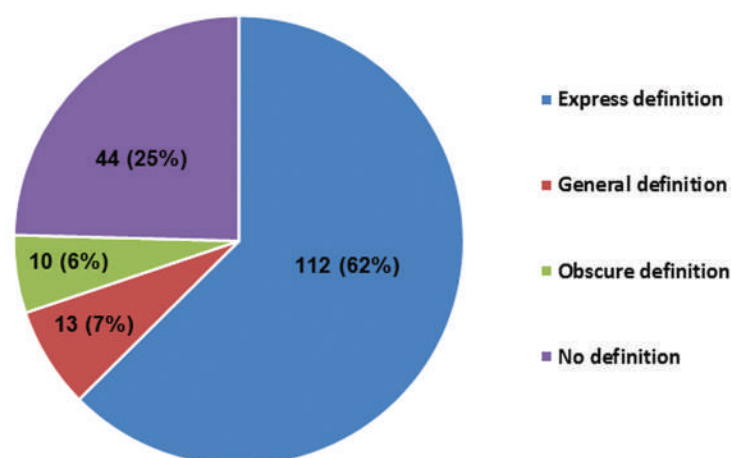


Fig. 1: Proportion of Parties Defining Smokeless Tobacco

## Obscure definition

Ten Parties have not very clearly defined SLT products under the definition of 'tobacco products' or while referring to SLT in their laws (Fig. 1).

## No definition

Forty-Four Parties have either not defined SLT or not provided any definition of tobacco products including 11 Parties whose laws are not available in English language limiting and analysis (Fig. 1).



## Definition by income group of Parties

Nearly three-fourth of the low and high resource Parties have included SLT in their tobacco control legislation (Fig. 2).

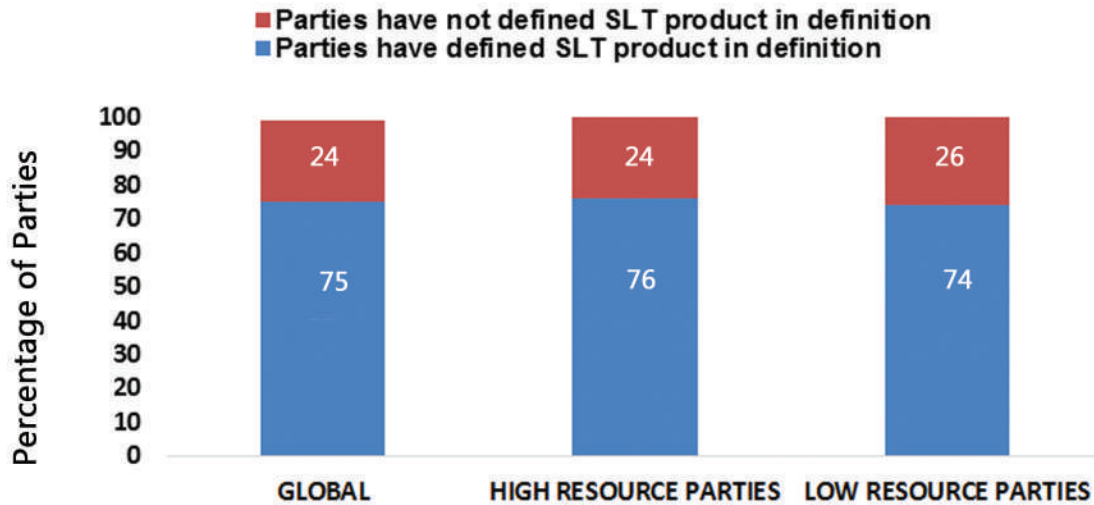


Fig.2: Percentage of Parties Defining SLT by WHO Region



## Definition by WHO Regions

Proportion of defining SLT by Parties varied widely by region. It varied from 90% in the European to only 55% of Parties in the American Region (Fig. 3).

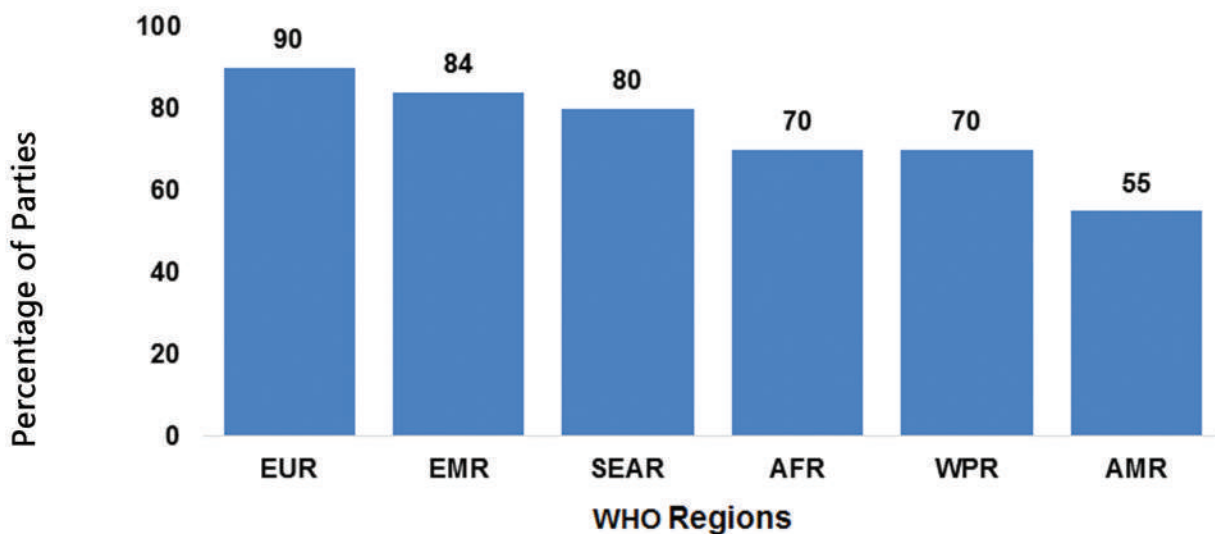


Fig. 3: Percentage of Parties Defining SLT by WHO Region