

**PHASE 2 (GROUP 2 QUESTIONS) OF THE REPORTING INSTRUMENT
UNDER THE WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOBACCO CONTROL**

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2. TOBACCO CONSUMPTION AND RELATED HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS

(with reference to Articles 19.2(a), 20.2, 20.3(a), 20.4(c) as well as Articles 6.2(a), 6.2(b), 6.3, 15.4, 15.5 and 17 as referred to in the respective subsections)

2.1	PREVALENCE OF TOBACCO USE		
2.1.1	Smoking prevalence in the adult population (all) <i>(Please provide prevalence data for total adult population, and identify the age considered, e.g. 15 years old and over, 18-64 years; see 2.1.1.2)</i>		
		Prevalence (%) <i>(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)</i>	Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day
	MALES		
	Current smokers	%	
	Daily smokers	45.00 %	16.48
	Occasional smokers	3.90 %	
	Former smokers	15.30 %	
	Never smokers	28.80 %	
	FEMALES		
	Current smokers	%	
	Daily smokers	15.60 %	10.00
	Occasional smokers	4.80 %	
	Former smokers	8.70 %	
	Never smokers	66.0 %	
	TOTAL (males and females)		
	Current smokers	%	
	Daily smokers	27.90 %	14.40
	Occasional smokers	4.50 %	
	Former smokers	11.40 %	
	Never smokers	50.5 %	

2.1.1.1	Please indicate the smoking tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question 2.1.1:
	cigarettes, cigars, pipes
2.1.1.2	Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question 2.1.1 refer:
	15-64
2.1.1.3	Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer question 2.1.1:
	2008, "Health Behaviour among Latvian Adult Population, 2008". FINBALT health monitoring study
2.1.1.4	Please provide the definitions of "current smoker", "daily smoker", "occasional smoker", "former smoker" and "never smoker" used in this report.
	<p>The definitions are determined using the following algorithm:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daily smokers 2. Occasional smokers 3. Quitters 1-12 months ago 4. Ex-smokers given up more than one year ago 5. Non-smokers <p>Have you ever smoked? → No → 5</p> <p>Have you ever smoked? → Yes → Have you ever smoked at least 100 times? → No → 5</p> <p>Have you ever smoked? → Yes → Have you ever smoked at least 100 times? → Yes → Have you ever smoked daily? → No → When did you last smoke? → More than 1 month ago? → 5</p> <p>Have you ever smoked? → Yes → Have you ever smoked at least 100 times? → Yes → Have you ever smoked daily? → No → When did you last smoke? → During the last month? → 2</p> <p>Have you ever smoked? → Yes → Have you ever smoked at least 100 times? → Yes → Have you ever smoked daily? → Yes → When did you last smoke? → today, yesterday → 1</p> <p>Have you ever smoked? → Yes → Have you ever smoked at least 100 times? → Yes → Have you ever smoked daily? → Yes → When did you last smoke? → 2 days-1 month ago → 2</p> <p>Have you ever smoked? → Yes → Have you ever smoked at least 100 times? → Yes → Have you ever smoked daily? → Yes → When did you last smoke? → 1-12 months ago → 3</p> <p>Have you ever smoked? → Yes → Have you ever smoked at least 100 times? → Yes → Have you ever smoked daily? → Yes → When did you last smoke? → over a year ago → 4</p>
2.1.1.5	Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in smoking prevalence in the adult

	population in the past three years or since submission of your last report.
	Smoking prevalence is gradually decreasing both among females and males and showing a trend towards stabilization in prevalence numbers among the Latvian population mostly due to taxation policy, restriction of smoking in most public places and prohibition of tobacco product advertising.

2.1.2	Smoking prevalence in the adult population (by age groups) <i>(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)</i>		
		Age group (adults)	Prevalence (%) <i>(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)</i>
	MALES		
	Current smokers ¹	15-24	30.50 %
		25-34	53.30 %
	Add age group	35-44	54.40 %
		45-54	48.00 %
		55-64	38.80 %
	FEMALES		
	Current smokers ¹	15-24	14.40 %
		25-34	19.30 %
	Add age group	35-44	19.50 %
		45-54	14.40 %
		55-64	10.90 %
	TOTAL (males and females)		
	Current smokers ¹	15-24	23.30 %
		25-34	34.60 %
	Add age group	35-44	33.50 %
		45-54	27.80 %
		55-64	21.40 %

¹ Please provide here data on either all current smokers or daily smokers only, whichever is available.

2.1.2.1	Please indicate the smoking tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question 2.1.2:
	cigarettes, cigars, pipes
2.1.2.2	Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer question 2.1.2:
	<p>2008, "Health Behaviour among Latvian Adult Population, 2008". FINBALT health monitoring study.</p> <p>1st study part - http://www.vec.gov.lv/docs/new2009/Finbalt_1_dala.pdf</p> <p>2nd study part - http://www.vec.gov.lv/docs/new2009/Finbalt_2_dala.pdf</p>
2.1.2.3	Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in current smoking prevalence by age group in the past three years or since submission of your last report, if data are available.
	<p>A decrease in smoking prevalence is reflected by most age groups among both males and females. During the past 3 years the number of daily smokers is slightly decreased or remained the same as previous. The only significant increase occurs among males age group 25-34 where the number of daily smokers has increased by 5 % which nevertheless is a minor increase.</p>

2.1.3	Prevalence of smokeless tobacco use in the adult population (all) <i>(Please provide prevalence data for total adult population, and identify the age considered in 2.1.3.2, e.g. 15 years old and over, 18–64 years; see 2.1.3.2)</i>	
		Prevalence (%) <i>(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)</i>
	MALES	
	Current users	%
	Daily users	0.40 %
	Occasional users	1.90 %
	Former users	%
	Never users	98.85 %
	FEMALES	
	Current users	%
	Daily users	0.00 %
	Occasional users	1.50 %
	Former users	%
	Never users	98.50 %
	TOTAL (males and females)	
	Current users	%
	Daily users	0.20 %
	Occasional users	0.70 %
	Former users	%
	Never users	98.10 %

2.1.3.1	Please indicate the smokeless tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question 2.1.3:
	Chewing-tobacco and snuff
2.1.3.2	Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question 2.1.3 refer:
	15-64
2.1.3.3	Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer question 2.1.3:
	2008,"Health Behaviour among Latvian Adult Population, 2008". FINBALT health monitoring study.
2.1.3.4	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.
	See point 2.1.1.4.
2.1.3.5	Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in smokeless tobacco use in the adult population in the past three years or since submission of your last report.
	Previously data has been collected only on chewing tobacco use therefore a trend can be made only about chewing tobacco. A very limited amount of population is using this tobacco product, but a slight increase can be observed during the last few years. Among both genders, males use it more daily than females. Most chewing tobacco users consume it occasionally; female occasional use has increased more than occasional use among males. Smokeless tobacco use popularity has grown among underage citizens where teenagers are more likely to use various forms of smokeless tobacco products that are obtained through internet resources or abroad as sales in Latvia of chewing-tobacco and snuff is prohibited. A low prevalence can be also explained due to the prohibition by law.

2.1.4	Prevalence of smokeless tobacco use in the adult population (current users) by age group <i>(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)</i>		
		Age group (adults)	Prevalence (%) <i>(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)</i>
	MALES		
	Current users ²	15-24	0.00 %
	Add age group	25-34	0.00 %
		35-44	0.00 %
		45-54	1.80 %
		55-64	0.00 %
	FEMALES		
	Current users ²	15-24	0.00 %
	Add age group	25-34	0.00 %
		35-44	0.00 %
		45-54	0.00 %
		55-64	0.00 %
	TOTAL (males and females)		
Current users ²	15-24	0.00 %	
Add age group	25-34	0.00 %	
	35-44	0.00 %	
	45-54	1.50 %	
	55-64	0.00 %	

² Please provide data on either all current users or daily users only, whichever is available.

2.1.4.1	Please indicate the smokeless tobacco products included in the answer to question 2.1.4:
	Chewing-tobacco and snuff
2.1.4.2	Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer question 2.1.4:
	2008,"Health Behaviour among Latvian Adult Population, 2008". FINBALT health monitoring study.
2.1.4.3	Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in current use of smokeless tobacco by adult age groups in the past three years or since submission of your last report.
	Most people use smokeless tobacco occasionally and not daily, therefore the only age group where such fact can be found among daily users is the age group 45-54 old males. Due to the fact that this specific survey obtained data among population from age 15-64, the trend that teenagers and pupils are among those who more often try its use is not presented in this data.

2.1.5	Tobacco use by ethnic group(s)				
		Ethnic group(s)	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking or smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)		
			Males	Females	Total (males and females)
	Current users ³ Add ethnic group	Latvian	47.00 %	14.00 %	28.00 %
		Russian	45.00 %	19.00 %	30.00 %
			%	%	%
			%	%	%
			%	%	%
2.1.5.1	Please indicate the tobacco products included in the answer to question 2.1.5:				
	cigarettes, cigars, pipes				
2.1.5.2	Please indicate the age range to which the data used to answer question 2.1.5 refer:				
	15-64				
2.1.5.3	Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer question 2.1.5:				
	2008,"Health Behaviour among Latvian Adult Population, 2008". FINBALT health monitoring study.				

³ Please provide data on either all current users or daily users only, whichever is available.

2.1.6	Tobacco use by young persons				
		Age range	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking or smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)		
			Smoking tobacco	Smokeless tobacco	Other tobacco (e.g. water pipe)
	Boys				
	Current users ⁴	13-15	45.70 %	12.10 %	35.20 %
	Add youth group		%	%	%
			%	%	%
			%	%	%
			%	%	%
	Girls				
	Current users ⁴	13-15	37.80 %	9.50 %	30.50 %
	Add youth group		%	%	%
			%	%	%
			%	%	%
			%	%	%
	TOTAL (boys and girls)				
	Current users ⁴	13-15	41.80 %	10.90 %	33.10 %
	Add youth group		%	%	%
			%	%	%
		%	%	%	
		%	%	%	
2.1.6.1	Please indicate the tobacco products included in calculating prevalence for question 2.1.6:				
	Smoking tobacco: manufactured and hand-rolled cigarettes, cigars, pipes, cigarillas; smokeless tobacco: snuff, chewing tobacco, dip; other tobacco: water pipe				

⁴ Please provide data on either all current users or daily users only, whichever is available.

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2.1.6.2	Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer question 2.1.6:
	2007,"Global Youth tobacco survey 2007 in Latvia" http://www.vec.gov.lv/docs/new2009/2009.11.30-05.pdf .
2.1.6.3	Please provide the definition of “current smoking/tobacco use” used to answer question 2.1.6 in the space below.
	Have smoked tobacco at least one day in the past 30 days
2.1.6.4	Please provide a brief explanation of the trend in tobacco use by young persons in the past three years or since submission of your last report.
	Tobacco use among young people has increased during the past few years. About 43% of young people (7 to 9 grade pupils) were current smokers in 2007. That is an increase in prevalence, comparing with 2002, where 37, 5% of young people were currently using any kind of smoking products. Although smoking prevalence among boys is higher than among girls, during the last years the amount of smoking girls is increasing. Among the most important reasons for the increase is the fact that the age of smoking on-take is getting younger.

2.2	EXPOSURE TO TOBACCO SMOKE
2.2.1	Do you have any data on exposure to tobacco smoke in your population? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.2.2	If you answered “Yes” to question 2.2.1, please provide details in the space below (e.g. exposure by gender, at home, in the workplace, on public transport).
	Data is available on tobacco smoke exposure among 13-15 year old pupils at home and in public places among smoker and non-smoker pupils as well data on tobacco smoke exposure among 15-64 for year olds at home, at workplaces, in the car. Data is divided by gender, age group, marital status, degree of education, school years, urbanisation and nationality.
2.2.3	Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer question 2.2.1:
	2002 and 2007 , "Global Youth tobacco survey 2007 in Latvia" and 2002,2004,2006,2008,"Health Behaviour among Latvian Adult Population, 2008". FINBALT health monitoring study.

2.3	TOBACCO-RELATED MORTALITY
2.3.1	Do you have information on tobacco-related mortality in your population? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.3.2	If you answered “Yes” to question 2.3.1, what is the estimated total number of deaths attributable to tobacco use in your population? 5500
2.3.3	If available, please provide any additional information on mortality attributable to tobacco use (e.g. lung cancer, cardiovascular diseases) in your jurisdiction.
	The main cause of death is circulatory system diseases - 53.3% of all deaths. Mortality caused by circulatory system diseases in Latvia is approximately 2 times higher than on average in the European Union. Circulatory system diseases were registered as cause of death for females

	<p>more often than for males. Although the number of deaths and mortality rate for the second most frequent cause of death - neoplasms-has decreased, the proportion has increased from 18,2% in 2007 to 19,1% in 2008. In 2008, malignant neoplasms (ICD-10 codes: C00-C97) were diagnosed in 257,4 cases per 100,000 population. The number of deaths due to lung cancer has decreased for 5,5%. Just 15,9% of deaths caused by lung cancer were attributed to females.</p>
2.3.4	<p>Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer questions 2.3.2 and 2.3.3, and please submit a copy of the study you refer to:</p>
	<p>Latvian Anti-smoking coalition data and Yearbook of health care statistics in Latvia, 2008 http://www.vec.gov.lv/docs/new2009/2009.11.19-14.pdf.</p>

2.4	TOBACCO-RELATED COSTS
2.4.1	<p>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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
2.4.2	<p>If you answered “Yes” to question 2.4.1, please provide details (e.g. direct (health care-related) and indirect costs and, if possible, the method used to estimate these costs).</p>
2.4.3	<p>Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer question 2.4.2, and please submit a copy of the study you refer to:</p>

2.5	SUPPLY OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS <i>(with reference to Articles 6.2(b), 20.4(c), and 15.5)</i>					
2.5.1	Licit supply of tobacco products					
		Product	Unit (<i>e.g. pieces, tonnes</i>)	Domestic production	Exports	Imports
	Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes	pieces	1922789 000	1438126000	341709100 0.00
	Add product	Cigars and cigarillos	pieces		75000.00	7018000.0 0
	Smokeless tobacco products					
	Add product					
	Other tobacco products	Smoking tobacco	kg		41.00	23577.00
	Add product					
	Tobacco	Leaves				
2.5.2	Please provide information on the volumes of duty-free sales (e.g. product, unit, quantity), if available.					
2.5.3	Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer questions 2.5.1 and 2.5.2:					
	2008, Sate Revenue service statistical data http://www.vid.gov.lv/default.aspx?tabid=11&id=402&hl=1&IzveleId=1551&periodsId=4095					

2.6	SEIZURES OF ILLICIT TOBACCO PRODUCTS (with reference to Article 15.5)				
2.6.1		Year	Product	Unit (e.g. millions of pieces)	Quantity seized
	Smoking tobacco products	2008	cigarettes	mill.of pieces	30.40
		2009	cigarettes	mill. of pieces	52.30
	Add row				
	Smoking tobacco products				
	Add row				
	Smoking tobacco products				
	Add row				
2.6.2	Do you have any information on the percentage of smuggled tobacco products on the national tobacco market? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
2.6.3	If you answered “Yes” to question 2.6.2, what percentage of the national tobacco market do smuggled tobacco products constitute? 41.00 %				
2.6.4	If you answered “Yes” to question 2.6.3 and you have information available, what is the trend over the past three years or since submission of your last report in the percentage of smuggled tobacco products in relation to the national tobacco market?				
	Due to an annual excise tax increase for cigarettes (from 2006 to 2009) that take up 99, 67% of the whole tobacco market, smuggling has increased especially in regions with low income and high unemployment. Smuggling and consumption of illegal cigarettes is very common near the Latvian-Russian border because cigarettes that are purchased in Russia are much cheaper.				
2.6.5	Please provide any further information on illicit or smuggled tobacco products.				
	The amount of confiscated cigarettes during 11 months of 2009 has increased 7,5 times comparing with 2008. Among the smuggled cigarettes popular brands were „More” and „Kiss”. Mostly the smuggling takes place at custom checkpoints. Another 12 million confiscated cigarettes were added to the total amount in December 2009 which was the highest number of smuggled cigarettes caught during the year. It should be mentioned that not all smuggled cigarettes are meant for sales in the Latvian market but shipped to other EU countries.				
2.6.6	Please indicate the source of the data used to answer questions in section 2.6:				

2.6	SEIZURES OF ILLICIT TOBACCO PRODUCTS <i>(with reference to Article 15.5)</i>
	State Revenue Service and Philip Morris Latvia, internet resource information.

2.7	TOBACCO-GROWING
2.7.1	Is there any tobacco-growing in your jurisdiction? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2.7.2	<p>If you answered “Yes” to question 2.7.1, please provide information on the number of workers involved in tobacco-growing. If available, please provide this figure broken down by gender.</p> <p>Tobacco growing for industrial purposes without permission of the Ministry of Agriculture is prohibited. Physical entities are allowed to grow tobacco for personal purposes only.</p>
2.7.3	Please provide, if available, the share of the value of tobacco leaf production in the national gross domestic product.
2.7.4	Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer questions in section 2.7:

2.8	TAXATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS <i>(with reference to Articles 6.2(a) and 6.3)</i>				
2.8.1	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))? 99.67%				
2.8.2	How are the excise taxes levied (what types of taxes are levied)?				
	• Specific tax only		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Ad valorem tax only		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Combination of specific and ad valorem taxes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• More complex structure (<i>please explain:</i>)				
2.8.3	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

⁵ The “base of the tax” should clearly indicate the tax rate or amount the tax is based on. If the tax is expressed as a percentage (e.g. ad valorem tax), the base of the tax is the actual value of the good that is taxed; for example, 45% of the manufacturer’s price, 30% of the retail price. In this case the “base” is the manufacturer’s price or retail price. If the tax is expressed as an amount (e.g. specific tax), the base of the tax is the volume (number of pieces or by weight) of goods that is taxed. For example, if a tax is US\$ 5 per 100 cigarettes, the amount of tax is US\$ 5 and the base of the tax is 100 cigarettes.

	Smoking tobacco products <div>Add product</div>	Cigarettes	specific	22.50	1000 pieces
		Cigarettes	ad valorem	34.50	per cent of the maximum retail selling price
		Cigars and cigarillos (ad valorem)	specific	11.00	1000 pieces
		other smoked tobacco	specific	23.00	1000 grams
		fine cut tobacco	specific	23.00	1000 grams
	Smokless tobacco products <div>Add product</div>				
	Other tobacco products <div>Add product</div>				
	2.8.4	Please briefly describe the trends in taxation for tobacco products in the past three years or since submission of your last report in your jurisdiction. From 1 July 2003 EU demands on excise duty structuring is binding to Latvian taxation policy. This demand determines that the excise duty tax for cigarettes had to reach the minimum amount determined by EU till January 2010. The minimum was reached one year prior – on January 2009. Therefore the tax rate for cigarettes was increased - in 2007 the specific tax for 1000 cigarettes was 10 lats (Latvian currency), in 2008 – 17,8 lats and in 2009 - 22,5 lats. Ad valorem tax for cigarettes accordingly has increased from 25% in 2007 to 34,5% in 2009. The excise duty tax for cigars and cigarillos has not increased during the last 3 years but for other smoked tobacco it was increased in 2009 from 14 to 23 lats partly due to increased consume of this product that is used to roll your own cigarettes. Starting from 1 January 2009, VAT is increased from 18% to 21% (for all products and services in Latvia).			
2.8.5	Do you earmark any percentage of your taxation income for funding any national plan or strategy on tobacco control in your jurisdiction? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (In reference to Article 26)				
2.8.6	If you answered “Yes” to question 2.8.5, please provide details in the space below. 				
2.8.7	Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer questions 2.8.1 to 2.8.6: 2010, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Latvia, http://www.fm.gov.lv/?eng/taxes/tax_system_in_latvia/latvian_excise_duty_				

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2.9	PRICE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS <i>(with reference to Article 6.2(a))</i>						
2.9.1	Please provide the retail prices of the three most widely sold brands of domestic and imported tobacco products at the most widely used point of sale in your capital city.						
		Most widely sold brand			Number of units or amount per package	Retail price	
		Smoking tobacco products	Smokeless tobacco products	Other tobacco products			
	Domestic	Main			20	1.20	
		Wall Street			20	1.20	
		Corner			20	1.20	
	Imported	Marlboro			20	1.78	
		Winston			20	1.38	
		L&M			20	1.38	

2.9.2	Please indicate the year and source of the data used to answer question 2.9.1.
	Central Statistics Bureau of Latvia, 2009
2.9.3	Please provide the currency used to complete the “Rate or amount” section of question 2.8.3 and the “Retail price” section of question 2.9.1. If known, please provide the exchange rate of this currency to US dollars as well as the date of this exchange rate.
	1 latvian lat=0.51300 USD (15.03.2010., the Bank of Latvia)
2.9.4	Please briefly describe the trend in the prices of tobacco products in the past three years or since submission of your last report in your jurisdiction.
	<p>Since the amount of excise tax for cigarettes has constantly increased during the last 3 years, so has the retail price. To avoid an increase of cheaper cigarette consumption, a minimum taxation amount of 48% per 1000 cigarettes was fixed, minimizing the price difference between premium class cigarettes and cheap cigarettes. During the last 3 years the increase in price was approximately 4 times, meaning that before you could buy a pack of cigarettes under 1 Latvian lat (currency), now the same brand costs close to 2 lats.</p>

3. LEGISLATION, REGULATION AND POLICIES

3.1	Article	GENERAL OBLIGATIONS (with reference to Article 5)		
3.1.1	5	General obligations		
3.1.1.1	5.1	Have you developed and implemented comprehensive multisectoral national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes in accordance with the Convention?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.1.1.2	5.1	If you answered “No” to question 3.1.1.1, have you partially developed and implemented tobacco control strategies by including tobacco control in national health, public health or health promotion strategies, plans and programmes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.1.1.3	5.1	If you answered “No” to question 3.1.1.2, is any aspect of tobacco control that is referred to in the Convention included in any national strategy, plan or programme?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.1.1.4	5.2(a)	Have you established or reinforced and financed		
		• a focal point for tobacco control	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		• a tobacco control unit	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		• a national coordinating mechanism for tobacco control	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.1.1.5	<p>If you answered “Yes” to any of the questions under 3.1.1.4, 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).</p> <p>Although no focal point for the specific purpose of tobacco control is established, actions undertaken in the framework of the National tobacco control program are reported to the Ministry of Health which prepares every two years a report of implementation progress. Activities are carried out independently by each institution without coordination performed by the ministry and with Program allocated funding for the action.</p>			
3.1.1.6	Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 5.1 and 5.2 (<i>General obligations</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.			

The tobacco control mechanism in Latvia is based on the “National Tobacco monitoring programme 2006.-2010.” Overall 8 various Ministries and 17 institutions are involved in the implementation of activities included in the Programme. These activities are aimed to decrease the demand of tobacco products, to increase the information level of the population regarding the harmful use of tobacco and to maintain and develop treatment services for nicotine addiction treatment. The purpose of the Programme is to improve the health of Latvian inhabitants, fundamentally reducing the use of tobacco and protecting them from the harmful effects of tobacco smoke. The aim of the Programme may be achieved by implementing inter-sectoral cooperation and implementing three secondary goals: 1) ensuring a sustainable reduction of the demand for tobacco products by the population as a whole; 2) achieving the restriction on the availability of tobacco products, and widely inform the public of the risks associated with the use of tobacco products; 3) ensuring monitoring of smoking prevalence and consequences of tobacco use.

The most, progress since the start of the Programme's implementation in 2006, has been made in the area of legislation. According to the law “On Restrictions Regarding Sale, Advertising and Use of Tobacco Products”, it was prohibited to smoke: 1) in educational and correctional institutions (starting from 1 July 2009); 2) in medical treatment institutions, social care and rehabilitation establishments, places of imprisonment, except for premises, which are specially designated for smoking. The internal procedure regulations of the relevant institutions and establishments may provide for the possibility of the patients of the institutions or the inmate of the establishments to smoke also outside of the premises, which are specially designated for smoking, taking into account the physical and mental condition of such patients or inmates; 3) in the stairwells, hallways and other shared-use facilities of multi-apartment residential buildings; 4) in public buildings, structures and premises (cinemas, concert and sports halls, other sports buildings and structures, post offices and other institution halls, discotheques and dance halls, etc.). This prohibition does not apply to existing apartments in public buildings (starting from 1 July 2009); 5) in children's recreation areas and playgrounds; 6) in parks, squares and at bathing areas, except for places specially designated for smoking; 7) in cafes, restaurants and other public catering locations, except in summer (open air) cafes only in areas specially designated for smoking (starting from 1 April 2010); 8) in casinos and gaming halls it shall only be allowed to smoke in premises specially designated for smoking or in premises, which are separated apart for smoking.

Latest on 1 March 2010 all tobacco product packages are required to carry a combined health warning (picture + message) on the second largest surface (back). A lot of educating has been made through national and regional activities for health care specialists, pupils, students, general population. The prevalence of smoking is regularly monitored through surveys and annual reports on addiction substance use and consequences (including smoking) which are published.

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

3.1.2	5.3	<p>Protection of public health policies with respect to tobacco control from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry</p> <p><i>(Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)</i></p> <p>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:</p>		
3.1.2.1		<p>– protecting public health policies with respect to tobacco control from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.1.2.2		<p>– 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?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.1.2.3	<p>If you answered “Yes” to any of the questions under 3.1.2.1 or 3.1.2.2, please provide details in the space below.</p>			
3.1.2.4	<p>Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 5.3 in the past three years or since submission of your last report.</p> <p>Tobacco product advertising is allowed only in special publications intended for merchants who deal with the trade of tobacco products, as well as in the publications issued and printed in the countries other than European Union Member States and are not intended for the European Union market.</p> <p>It is prohibited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) manufacture and trade sweets and snacks, as well as toys and other articles in the form of tobacco products, which may attract the attention of minors; 2) depict in tobacco product advertising and any other advertising persons smoking; 3) in tobacco product advertisements, utilise misleading, misinforming, false means or other methods, which may create an erroneous representation regarding the characteristics of tobacco, the effect on health thereof, the risks associated with the use of tobacco products or the substances which separate when using tobacco products. <p>Merchants the basic activity of which is the manufacture of or trade in tobacco products are prohibited to sponsor events or activities in which several Member States of the European Union are involved or which take place in several Member States of the European Union, or which have a</p>			

	<p>cross-border impact.</p> <p>Information on tobacco industry activities, expenditures for marketing and other related information is not available for the general population.</p> <p>One representative from tobacco industry is a permanent member of the State Committee on Restriction of Smoking which is a government delegated committee whose main task is to coordinate measures, the purpose of which is to ensure people's rights to clean, unpolluted air free of tobacco smoke, and to develop proposals on the measures necessary to restrict smoking.</p> <p>In 2010 Latvian Parliament (Saeima) has decided to exclude a representative tobacco industry's from the State Committee on Restriction of Smoking.</p>
3.1.2.5	<p>If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.</p>

3.2	<i>Article</i>	MEASURES RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF DEMAND FOR TOBACCO (with reference to Articles 6–14)		
3.2.1	6	Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco (Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)		
		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:		
3.2.1.1	6.2(a)	– tax policies and, where appropriate, price policies on tobacco products so as to contribute to the health objectives aimed at reducing tobacco consumption?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.1.2	6.2(b)	– prohibiting or restricting, as appropriate, sales to international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.1.3		– prohibiting or restricting, as appropriate, imports by international travellers of tax- and duty-free tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.1.4	Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 6 (<i>Price and tax measures to reduce the demand for tobacco</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report. The Latvian tax policy is based on the EU dictated leadership. As a member of the EU since 2005, Latvia has constantly raised taxation for cigarettes to reach the minimum taxation amount that is binding for all EU countries. With the implementation of the tax policy through the past few years, the price for cigarettes has doubled. Two trends can be observed – in Latvia purchased cigarettes are brought to friends and family that work and live abroad where cigarettes are twice or more times expensive, and Russian cigarettes are illegally imported because of their cheaper prices. In order to minimize the Russian cigarettes import to Latvia, the law On Excise Duties was amended and, starting from October 23, 2009, only 40 cigarettes (instead of 200 cigarettes), shall be exempted from the duty which are imported by a natural person in his or her own personal luggage, and which are imported by this person from a foreign state other than the Member State, if this person does not travel by aircraft 20 cigarillas (instead of 100 cigarillas) 10 cigars (instead of 50 cigars) and 50 g smoking tobacco (instead of 250 g smoking tobacco).			
3.2.1.5	If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.			

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3.2.2	8.2	Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke <i>(Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)</i>			
		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:			
3.2.2.1		– protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in indoor workplaces?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
3.2.2.2		If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.2.1, how comprehensive is the protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in the following indoor workplaces:	Complete	Partial	None
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">government buildings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">health-care facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">educational facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">private workplaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">motor vehicles used as places of work (e.g., ambulances, delivery vehicles)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.2.2.3		– protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in public transport?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.2.4		If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.2.3, how comprehensive is the protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in the following types of public transport:	Complete	Partial	None
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">airplanes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">trains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">ground public transport (buses, trolleybuses, trams)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">taxis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">other (<i>please specify</i>: long distance trains and ships)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3.2.2.5		– protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in indoor public places?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.2.6		If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.2.5, how comprehensive is the protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in the following indoor public places:	Complete	Partial	None
		• cultural facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		• bars	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		• nightclubs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		• restaurants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		• other (<i>please specify:</i> playgrounds, staircases in apartment houses)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.2.2.7		Please provide a brief summary of complete and partial measures, with specific details of the partial measures that have been implemented.			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in indoor workplaces <p>It is banned to smoke in places of work in work - spaces and areas of common use, with the exception of specially designated smoking areas. The law prohibits smoking closer than 10 meters outside government and local-government owned building (including buildings where government owns more than 50% of shares), private sector employees can smoke at building entrances.</p>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in public transport <p>Smoking is prohibited in all means of public transportation and cabs except in long distance trains and ships where a separate carriage or cabin can be designed for this purpose only.</p> <p>Smoking on train platforms is included in the list of outdoor smoking restrictions.</p>			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in indoor public places <p>Smoking is prohibited in public buildings and spaces - cinema, concert halls, sport studios, disco halls, dance halls and other places. After April 2010 smoking is prohibited in all places of public catering. In casinos and gambling halls it is allowed to smoke in premises specially designated for smoking or in premises, which are separated apart for smoking.</p> <p>All measures are defined by the Law "Restrictions on the sale, advertising and use of tobacco products". http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=41774</p>			
3.2.2.8		Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 8 (<i>Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.			
		In the last 3 years the immense progress has been made in protecting			

	<p>inhabitants from tobacco smoke. Except on streets, and at home and in personal and private cars, smoking is either fully prohibited or a separate room (area) is designated for smoking in enclosed spaces (workplaces, casino and gambling halls, stadiums during public events, special bedrooms in hotels) and outdoor places (parks, squares, bathing grounds, open air cafes).</p> <p>In March 2010 with amendments of the Law “Restriction on the sale, advertising and use of tobacco products” all rules defined by law are further applied to herbal smoking products as well. Due to the recent increase in population of sales of such products (for example herbal cigarettes) action to restrict sales, use and advertising was undertaken by defining these products by law. This initiative also included that by law all herbal mixtures whose smoking, snuffing or chewing is causing mental malfunctions and have addictive properties are forbidden to sell.</p>
3.2.2.9	<p>If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.</p>

3.2.3	9	<p>Regulation of the contents of tobacco products</p> <p><i>(Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)</i></p> <p>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:</p>		
3.2.3.1		– testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.3.2		– testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.3.3		– regulating the contents of tobacco products?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.3.4		– regulating the emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.3.5	<p>Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 9 (<i>Regulation of the contents of tobacco products</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.</p> <p>Producers and merchants who import tobacco products are required to submit annually a list of ingredients that are used in the manufacturing of these products and toxicological data about their influence on the health and addictive qualities to the Health Inspection whose task is to make the emission amounts of tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide publicly available. Information on other substances of these products is not available for the general public. Merchants are required to test their sold tobacco products in by ISO standard approved laboratories on their own expenses if no laboratory test review is available. On the basis of a request by the State Revenue Service, samples of cigarettes shall be selected and tested by testing laboratories.Latvian Certification Centre, State Ltd. (LATSERT), accredited according to the requirements of standard EN ISO/IEC 17025, is one of EN ISO/IEC 17025, is one of the experienced conformity assessment body in Latvia in which testing and measuring the emissions of cigarettes.</p> <p>The State Revenue Service not less than once a year shall check the amount of nicotine, tobacco far and carbonmonoxide in each brandname of cigarettes. If cigarettes with one brandname have a different nicotine, tobacco far or carbonmonoxide yield or the cigarettes are manufactured in various places of manufacture, the State Revenue Service has the right to request that a check be conducted in relation to each type of cigarette with one brand name.</p>			
3.2.3.6	<p>If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.</p>			

3.2.4	10	<p>Regulation of tobacco product disclosures</p> <p><i>(Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)</i></p> <p>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:</p>								
3.2.4.1		<p>– requiring manufacturers or importers of tobacco products to disclose to Government authorities information about the:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="500 646 1421 772"> <tr> <td data-bbox="500 646 1044 709">• contents of tobacco products?</td> <td data-bbox="1044 646 1243 709"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1243 646 1421 709"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="500 709 1044 772">• emissions of tobacco products?</td> <td data-bbox="1044 709 1243 772"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1243 709 1421 772"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> </table>			• contents of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	• emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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3.2.4.2		<p>– requiring public disclosure of information about the:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="500 835 1421 968"> <tr> <td data-bbox="500 835 1044 898">• contents of tobacco products?</td> <td data-bbox="1044 835 1243 898"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1243 835 1421 898"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="500 898 1044 968">• emissions of tobacco products?</td> <td data-bbox="1044 898 1243 968"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1243 898 1421 968"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> </table>			• contents of tobacco products?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	• emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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• emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No								
3.2.4.3		<p>Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 10 (<i>Regulation of tobacco product disclosures</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.</p> <p>Producers and merchants who import tobacco products are required to submit annually a list of ingredients that are used in the manufacturing of these products and toxicological data about their influence to the health and addictive qualities to the Health Inspection whose task is to make the emission amounts of tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide publicly available. Information about other substances of these products is not available for the general public. http://www.vi.gov.lv/?sadala=122</p>								
3.2.4.4		<p>If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.</p>								

3.2.5	11	Packaging and labelling of tobacco products <i>(Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)</i>		
		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:		
3.2.5.1	11	– requiring that packaging, individual cigarettes or other tobacco products do not carry advertising or promotion?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.5.2	11.1(a)	– 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.5.3	11.1(b)	– 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.5.4	11.1(b)(i)	– ensuring that the health warnings are approved by the competent national authority?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.5.5	11.1(b)(ii)	– ensuring that the health warnings are rotated?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.5.6	11.1(b)(iii)	– ensuring that the health warnings are clear, visible and legible?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.5.7	11.1(b)(iv)	– ensuring that the health warnings occupy no less than 30% of the principal display areas?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.5.8		– ensuring that the health warnings occupy 50% or more of the principal display areas?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.5.9	11.1(b)(v)	– ensuring that health warnings are in the form of, or include, pictures or pictograms?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

3.2.5.10		If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.5.9, does the Government own the copyright to these pictures and pictograms?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.5.11		If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.5.10, would you grant a non-exclusive and royalty-free licence for the use of health warnings developed in your jurisdiction with other Parties?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.5.12	11.2	– requiring that each unit packet and package of tobacco products and any outside packaging and labelling of such products contain information on relevant constituents and emissions of tobacco products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.5.13	11.3	– 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.5.14	<p>Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 11 (<i>Packaging and labelling of tobacco products</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.</p> <p>Latvia became one of the first countries in Europe who implemented combined health warnings on tobacco product packaging. Beforehand Latvian legislation required that textual warnings covered at least 30 % of both package surfaces. There 2 types of warnings. Each packaging unit of tobacco products to be sold in Latvia displayed at least one of the general warnings (smoking kills; smoking poses a serious hazard to you and others around you) in the official language. And each packaging unit of tobacco products to be sold in Latvia displayed at least one of the 14 special warnings in the official language. With a law amendments, latest from March 2010, each package is required to carry on the second largest surface (back) a combined health warning (text+picture) covering 40% of the surface space. Overall 14 warnings are available that are changed regularly to avoid that only the comparatively “mild” pictures are used to warn people on the negative health effects of smoking. 2 general warnings (mentioned above) on the first largest surface (front of the package) are also used.</p>			
3.2.5.15	<p>If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.</p>			

3.2.6	12	Education, communication, training and public awareness <i>(Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)</i>		
		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:		
3.2.6.1	12(a)	– educational and public awareness programmes? <i>(Please refer to programmes implemented since submission of your two-year report.)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.6.2		If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.6.1, to whom are these programmes targeted?		
		• adults or the general public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• children and young people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• men	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		• women	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		• pregnant women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• ethnic groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		• other <i>(please specify:)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.6.3			If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.6.1, do you reflect the following key differences among targeted population groups in educational and public awareness programmes?	
		• age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		• educational background	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		• cultural background	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		• socioeconomic status	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		• other <i>(please specify:)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.6.4	12(b)	If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.6.1, do these educational and public awareness programmes cover:		
		• health risks of tobacco consumption?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• health risks of exposure to tobacco smoke?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• benefits of the cessation of tobacco use and tobacco-free lifestyles?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

	12(f)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> adverse economic consequences of 		
		- tobacco production?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		- tobacco consumption?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> adverse environmental consequences of 		
		- tobacco production?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		- tobacco consumption?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.6.5	12(e)	– awareness and participation of the following agencies and organizations in development and implementation of intersectoral programmes and strategies for tobacco control:		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> public agencies? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nongovernmental organizations not affiliated with the tobacco industry? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> private organizations? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> other (<i>please specify:</i>)? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.6.6	12	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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.6.7	12(d)	Are appropriate and special training or sensitization and awareness programmes on tobacco control addressed to:		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> health workers? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> community workers? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> social workers? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> media professionals? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> educators? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> decision-makers? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> administrators? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> other (<i>please specify:</i> peer to peer)? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

3.2.6.8	<p>Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 12 (<i>Education, communication, training and public awareness</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.</p> <p>A national education and communication programme is part of the “National Tobacco Monitoring Programme (2006-1010)”. The target group of this action is the general population, however it is further divided into subgroups: children and young people; women; adults and teachers; and health-care workers.</p> <p>Having regard to the early age at which smoking is taken up, one of its most important target groups is children and young people.</p> <p>In general educational institutions health education lessons pupils are provided with information about various addictions, including smoking, in health education lessons; it is integrated into lessons in subjects related to biology and social sciences, and class teacher lessons.</p> <p>Issues related to tobacco use and prevention are included in medical and health care study programmes in tertiary educational institutions as well as teacher training study programmes.</p> <p>The further education of teachers in addiction prevention issues takes place in seminars, courses, and various projects at the national/international level. The education and information available to adults mostly take place through mass media and public advertising.</p> <p>http://sva.vi.gov.lv/files/atkaribas/addiction_in_lv.16_edition.pdf</p> <p>http://bg-bg.help-eu.com/pages/index-13.html</p> <p>http://www.ld.riga.lv/atkaribu-profilakse.220.html</p> <p>http://taklnk.wordpress.com/par-mums/</p>
3.2.6.9	<p>If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.</p>

3.2.7	13	Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship <i>(Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)</i>		
		Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, any legislative, executive, administrative or other measures or have you implemented, where appropriate, programmes:		
3.2.7.1	13.2	– instituting a comprehensive ban on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered “No” to question 3.2.7.1, please proceed to question 3.2.7.3.				
3.2.7.2		If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.7.1, does your ban cover:		
		• display and visibility of tobacco products at points of sales?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• the domestic Internet?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• the global Internet?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• brand stretching and/or brand sharing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• product placement as a means of advertising or promotion?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• the depiction of tobacco or tobacco use in entertainment media products?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• tobacco sponsorship of international events or activities and/or participants therein?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from your territory?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

	13.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the same forms of cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship entering your territory for which domestic regulation apply? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Please proceed to question 3.2.7.12.				
3.2.7.3	13.2	If you answered "No" to question 3.2.7.1. are you precluded by your constitution or constitutional principles from undertaking a comprehensive ban on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.7.4	13.3	– applying restrictions on all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.7.5	13.3	– applying restrictions on cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from your territory with cross-border effects?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.7.6	13.4(a)	– 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.7.7	13.4(b)	– requiring that health or other appropriate warnings or messages accompany all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.7.8	13.4(c)	– restricting the use of direct or indirect incentives that encourage the purchase of tobacco products by the public?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.7.9	13.4(d)	– requiring the disclosure to relevant Government authorities of expenditures by the tobacco industry on advertising, promotion and sponsorship not yet prohibited?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

3.2.7.10	13.4(e)	– restricting tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship on:		
		• radio?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• television?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• print media?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• the domestic Internet?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• the global Internet?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• other media (<i>please specify:</i>)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.7.11	13.4(f)	– restricting tobacco sponsorship of:		
		• international events and activities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• participants therein?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Whether you answered “Yes” or “No” to question 3.2.7.1, are you:				
3.2.7.12	13.6	– cooperating with other Parties in the development of technologies and other means necessary to facilitate the elimination of cross-border advertising?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.7.13	13.7	– 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.7.14	Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 13 (<i>Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.			
	<p>Tobacco product advertising is allowed in special publications intended for merchants who deal with the trade of tobacco products, as well as in the publications issued and printed in the countries other than European Union Member States and are not intended for the European Union market.</p> <p>Tobacco product advertising shall include the information regarding the health hazard caused by the use of tobacco products, and much information shall cover at least five per cent of the surface area of an advertisement.</p> <p>The Consumer Rights Protection Centre evaluates the compliances of the advertisement with the requirements specified in regulatory enactments and takes the relevant decisions.</p>			
3.2.7.15	If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section,			

	please provide details in the space below.

3.2.8	14	<p>Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation</p> <p><i>(Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)</i></p> <p>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:</p>															
3.2.8.1	14.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – developing and disseminating appropriate, comprehensive and integrated guidelines based on scientific evidence and best practices? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No													
3.2.8.2	14.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – programmes to promote cessation of tobacco use, including: <table border="1" data-bbox="539 825 1421 1337"> <tr> <td data-bbox="539 825 1037 951"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • media campaigns emphasizing the importance of quitting? </td> <td data-bbox="1037 825 1239 951"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1239 825 1421 951"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="539 951 1037 1077"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • programmes specially designed for women and/or pregnant women? </td> <td data-bbox="1037 951 1239 1077"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1239 951 1421 1077"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="539 1077 1037 1241"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local events, such as activities related to World No Tobacco Day or National No Smoking Day, if appropriate? </td> <td data-bbox="1037 1077 1239 1241"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1239 1077 1421 1241"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="539 1241 1037 1337"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other (<i>please specify:</i> peer to peer activities)? </td> <td data-bbox="1037 1241 1239 1337"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1239 1241 1421 1337"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> </table> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • media campaigns emphasizing the importance of quitting? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • programmes specially designed for women and/or pregnant women? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local events, such as activities related to World No Tobacco Day or National No Smoking Day, if appropriate? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other (<i>please specify:</i> peer to peer activities)? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other (<i>please specify:</i> peer to peer activities)? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No															
3.2.8.3	14.2(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – design and implementation of programmes aimed at promoting the cessation of tobacco use, in such locations as: <table border="1" data-bbox="539 1430 1421 1778"> <tr> <td data-bbox="539 1430 1037 1497"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • educational institutions? </td> <td data-bbox="1037 1430 1239 1497"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1239 1430 1421 1497"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="539 1497 1037 1564"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • health-care facilities? </td> <td data-bbox="1037 1497 1239 1564"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1239 1497 1421 1564"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="539 1564 1037 1631"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • workplaces? </td> <td data-bbox="1037 1564 1239 1631"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1239 1564 1421 1631"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="539 1631 1037 1698"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sporting environments? </td> <td data-bbox="1037 1631 1239 1698"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1239 1631 1421 1698"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="539 1698 1037 1778"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other (<i>please specify:</i>)? </td> <td data-bbox="1037 1698 1239 1778"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1239 1698 1421 1778"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> </table> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • educational institutions? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • health-care facilities? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • workplaces? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sporting environments? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other (<i>please specify:</i>)? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • other (<i>please specify:</i>)? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No															

3.2.8.4	14.2(b)	– 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
		• health?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		• education?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
3.2.8.5		– inclusion of programmes on the diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence in your health-care system?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
3.2.8.6	14.2(b)	If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.8.5, which structures in your health-care system provide programmes for the diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence?			
		• primary health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
		• secondary and tertiary health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
		• specialist health-care systems (<i>please specify:</i> narcologists, psychologists)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
		• specialized centres for cessation counselling and treatment of tobacco dependence	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		• rehabilitation centres	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		• other (<i>please specify:</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
3.2.8.7	14.2(b)	If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.8.5, are the services provided in these settings covered by public funding or reimbursement schemes?			
		• primary health care	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially	<input type="checkbox"/> None
		• secondary and tertiary health care	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially	<input type="checkbox"/> None
		• specialist health-care systems (<i>please specify:</i> narcologists, psychologists)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially	<input type="checkbox"/> None

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> rehabilitation centres 	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully	<input type="checkbox"/> Partially	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> other (<i>please specify:</i>) 	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully	<input type="checkbox"/> Partially	<input type="checkbox"/> None
3.2.8.8	14.2(b)	If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.8.5, which health and other professionals are involved in programmes offering treatment for tobacco dependence and counselling services?			
		Health professionals including:			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> physicians 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dentists 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> family doctors 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> practitioners of traditional medicine 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> other medical professionals (<i>please specify:</i> narcologists) 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nurses 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> midwives 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pharmacists 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		Community workers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		Social workers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		Others (<i>please specify:</i> psychologists)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
3.2.8.9	14.2(c)	– training on tobacco dependence treatment incorporated into the curricula of health professional training at pre- and post-qualification levels at the following schools:			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> medical? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> dental? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nursing? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pharmacy? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> other (<i>please specify:</i>)? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

3.2.8.10	14.2(d)	– facilitating accessibility and/or affordability of pharmaceutical products for the treatment of tobacco dependence?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.8.11	14.2(d)	If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.8.10, which pharmaceutical products are available for the treatment of tobacco dependence in your jurisdiction?		
		• nicotine replacement therapy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• bupropion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• varenicline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		• other (<i>please specify</i> : cytisinum)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.2.8.12	14.2(d)	If you answered “Yes” to question 3.2.8.10, are the costs of treatment with these products covered by public funding or reimbursement?		
		• nicotine replacement therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully	<input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
		• bupropion	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully	<input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
		• varenicline	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully	<input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
		• other (<i>please specify</i> : cytisinum)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Fully	<input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None
3.2.8.13	Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 14 (<i>Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.			
	In order to make treatment more accessible, a diagnosis of tobacco addiction is included in the list of state funded diagnoses. To stimulate smoking cessation, multiple “Heart health cabinets” trained nurses provide advice on smoking cessation but are not privileged to prescribe smoking cessation medication such as bupropion. Narcologists provide both psychological and pharmaceutical approach. Nicotine replacement therapy products such as patches, gums are freely available in pharmacies but are not reimbursed by government or health care insurance.			
3.2.8.14	If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.			

3.3	Article	MEASURES RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF THE SUPPLY OF TOBACCO (with reference to Articles 15–17)		
3.3.1	15	Illicit trade in tobacco products (Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)		
		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:		
3.3.1.1	15.2	– 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.1.2	15.2(a)	– 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.1.3	15.2(a)	– 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.1.4	15.2(b)	– developing a practical tracking and tracing regime that would further secure the distribution system and assist in the investigation of illicit trade?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.1.5	15.3	– requiring that marking is presented in legible form or appears in the principal language and/or languages of the country?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.1.6	15.4(a)	– requiring the monitoring and collection of data on cross-border trade in tobacco products, including illicit trade?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

3.3.1.7	15.4(a)	If you answered “Yes” to question 3.3.1.6, do you facilitate 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.1.8	15.4(b)	– enacting or strengthening legislation, with appropriate penalties and remedies, against illicit trade in tobacco products, including counterfeit and contraband cigarettes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.1.9	15.4(c)	– 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.1.10	15.4(d)	– 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.1.11	15.4(e)	– enabling the confiscation of proceeds derived from illicit trade in tobacco products?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.1.12	15.6	– 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.1.13	15.7	– licensing or other actions to control or regulate production and distribution in order to prevent illicit trade?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

3.3.1.14	Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 15 (<i>Illicit trade in tobacco products</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.
	<p>In order to fight against, smuggling Latvia has implemented the ENCS-Exise movement control system to ensure a computerised excise good tracking system. Also each legally distributed tobacco product carries an excise duty mark where the number of cigarettes and its retail price is listed.</p> <p>http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/taxation/excise_duties/circulation_control/index_en.htm</p>
3.3.1.15	If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.

3.3.2	16	Sales to and by minors <i>(Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)</i>		
		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:		
3.3.2.1	16.1	– prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors? If “Yes”, please specify the legal age: 18 – ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.2.2	16.1(a)	– 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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.2.3	16.1(a)	– requiring that, in case of doubt, each seller of tobacco products requests that the purchaser provides appropriate evidence of having reached full legal age?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.2.4	16.1(b)	– banning the sale of tobacco products in any manner by which they are directly accessible, such as open store shelves?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.2.5	16.1(c)	– prohibiting the manufacture and sale of sweets, snacks, toys or any other objects in the form of tobacco products which appeal to minors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.2.6	16.1(d)	– prohibiting the sale of tobacco products from vending machines?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered “Yes” to question 3.3.2.6, please proceed to question 3.3.2.8.				
3.3.2.7	16.1(d)	If you answered “No” to question 3.3.2.6, do you ensure that tobacco vending machines are not accessible to minors and/or do not promote the sale of tobacco products to minors?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.2.8	16.2	– prohibiting and/or promoting the prohibition of the distribution of free tobacco products:		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to the public? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to minors? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.2.9	16.3	– prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually or in small packets?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.2.10	16.6	– providing for penalties against sellers and distributors in order to ensure compliance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.2.11	16.7	– prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.3.2.12	Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 16 (<i>Sales to and by minors</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.			
	Sales of tobacco products is prohibited to people under 18. In case of sale tobacco products to minors a fine is imposed on the seller in an amount from LVL 200 up to LVL 250 (400-450 USD).			
3.3.2.13	If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.			

3.3.3	17	Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities <i>(Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)</i>															
		Have you adopted and implemented, where appropriate, measures or programmes on any of the following:															
3.3.3.1	17	– promoting economically viable and sustainable alternatives for: <table border="1" data-bbox="500 552 1421 743"> <tr> <td data-bbox="500 552 889 604">• tobacco growers?</td> <td data-bbox="889 552 1052 604"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1052 552 1190 604"><input type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td data-bbox="1190 552 1421 604"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="500 604 889 646">• tobacco workers?</td> <td data-bbox="889 604 1052 646"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1052 604 1190 646"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td data-bbox="1190 604 1421 646"><input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="500 646 889 743">• tobacco individual sellers?</td> <td data-bbox="889 646 1052 743"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1052 646 1190 743"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</td> <td data-bbox="1190 646 1421 743"><input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable</td> </tr> </table>				• tobacco growers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	• tobacco workers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	• tobacco individual sellers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
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3.3.3.2	<p>Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 17 (<i>Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.</p> <p>In Latvia, it is prohibited to grow tobacco for industrial purposes without a special permit (licence) issued by the Ministry of Agriculture.</p> <p>According to the information provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, in Latvia, there are no tobacco planters.</p> <p>In Latvia, there are only 3 economic operators who are allowed to produce, process and package tobacco products. 2 more economic operators are allowed to package tobacco products.</p> <p>British American Tobacco Latvia, LTD. (one of the producers) has announced about the willingness to stop manufacturing in Latvia.</p>																
3.3.3.3	<p>If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.</p>																

3.4	Article	OTHER MEASURES AND POLICIES (with reference to Articles 18–21)			
3.4.1	18	Protection of the environment and the health of persons (Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)			
		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:			
3.4.1.1	18	– implementing measures in respect of tobacco cultivation within your territory, which take into consideration:			
		• the protection of the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
		• the health of persons in relation to the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
3.4.1.2	18	– implementing measures in respect of tobacco manufacturing within your territory, which take into consideration:			
		• the protection of the environment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
		• the health of persons in relation to the environment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
3.4.1.3	Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 18 (<i>Protection of the environment and the health of persons</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.				
	Within the workplace the employer is obliged to ensure that employees (non-smokers) are working in smoke free rooms. But overall it is forbidden to smoke in common used work spaces, except in specially designed rooms for this use only. According to survey data mostly due to law amendments, exposure to tobacco smoke has decreased by 13% among males and by 11% among females. 86, 2% of employees are satisfied with restrictions of smoking at their workplaces.				
3.4.1.4	If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.				

3.4.2	19	Liability <i>(Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)</i>		
		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:		
3.4.2.1	19.1	– dealing with criminal and civil liability, including compensation where appropriate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.4.2.2	19.1	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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3.4.2.3	19.1	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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.4.2.4	Please provide a brief description of any progress made, as appropriate, in implementing Article 19 (<i>Liability</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.			
	In 2008, 26 criminal procedures were initiated and 30,4 million cigarettes were seized. In 2009, 54 criminal procedures were initiated and 52,3 million cigarettes were seized.			
3.4.2.5	If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.			

3.4.3	20	<p>Research, surveillance and exchange of information</p> <p><i>(Please check “Yes” or “No”. For affirmative answers, please provide a brief summary in the space provided at the end of the section and attach the relevant documentation. Please provide documentation, if available, in one of the six official languages.)</i></p> <p>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:</p>																										
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• other relevant information (<i>please specify:</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No																										

3.4.3.4	20.4	– regional and global exchange of publicly available national:	
		• scientific, technical, socioeconomic, commercial and legal information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		• information on the practices of the tobacco industry?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
		• information on the cultivation of tobacco?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
3.4.3.5	20.4(a)	– an updated database of:	
		• laws and regulations on tobacco control?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		• information about the enforcement of laws on tobacco control?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		• pertinent jurisprudence?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3.4.3.6	Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 20 (<i>Research, surveillance and exchange of information</i>) in the past three years or since submission of your last report.		
	<p>Research is made to determine various indicators of tobacco use in the general population such as smoking prevalence, exposure to tobacco smoke, smoking cessation attempts in the last year, ect. Data are collected via international and national surveys such as GYTS (Global Youth Tobacco survey), the FINBALT Health monitoring survey, ESPAD (the European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs). Publications of the surveys are made available for the general population by placing them on data collector's home pages. Internationally data is shared through publications, mostly for WHO. Specific research on smoking consequences or tobacco use among specific groups is not conducted. There is no data base or system, but data are gathered annually and published if available in the annual report that covers the topick of substance use and consequences among Latvian population ("The prevelance and cosequences of dependency inducing substances in Latvia"). Consequences of smoking are monitored trough national cancer register data which contains data on morbidity and mortality from malignant tumours (such as lung cancer and oral cavity cancer). A comprehensive surveillance of various aspects of tobacco control was developed during the implementation of Transition Facility Twinning Light project "Tobacco monitoring system". Within the monitoring system the annual exchange of information is ensured.</p> <p>Laws and regulations are found on national database - Information System of Normative Acts (NAIS).</p>		
3.4.3.7	If you have any relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below.		

4. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

Note: The goal of this section is to assist the Convention Secretariat in matching available skills and resources with identified needs at national, subregional, regional and international levels.

	<i>Article</i>	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:	Assistance provided	Assistance received
4.1	22.1(a)	– development, transfer and acquisition of technology, knowledge, skills, capacity and expertise related to tobacco control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.2	22.1(b)	– provision of technical, scientific, legal and other expertise to establish and strengthen national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.3	22.1(c)	– appropriate training or sensitization programmes for appropriate personnel in accordance with Article 12?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
4.4	22.1(d)	– provision of the necessary material, equipment and supplies, as well as logistic support, for tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
4.5	22.1(e)	– identification of methods for tobacco control, including comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.6	22.1(f)	– promotion of research to increase the affordability of comprehensive treatment of nicotine addiction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
4.7	If you answered “Yes” to any of questions 4.1–4.6, please identify the Party or Parties from which assistance was received or to which assistance was provided.			
	Assistance was received from EU countries via various smaller and larger projects that mostly covered the field of public health. The only assistance received specifically on tobacco control was in the frame of the Transition Facility Twinning Light project „Tobacco Monitoring System” in 2008 where Germany was the project implementation partner. The aim of this project was to gain assistance for implementing a tobacco monitoring system that would provide both			

	<p>citizens and lawmakers with reliable data on various aspects of tobacco control. Financial assistance for the implementation was provided by the European Commission on the terms of use defined by the Twinning Light Project Manual. http://sva.vi.gov.lv/files/projekti/twinning_manual.pdf</p>
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4.8	Please provide information about any assistance provided or received in the space below.
	Assistance was provided on national level but not internationally to other Parties. This national assistance mostly consisted of a supply of materials that covered aspects of tobacco control – treatment (for example guidelines for nicotine addiction treatment for specialists), education (different activities aimed for the general public or specific groups but with the aim to educate people on the harmful effects of tobacco use), data collection (brief training for data collectors on data collection request form completion).
4.9	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.
4.10	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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>(Please refer to Article 26.4.)</i>
4.11	If you answered “Yes” to question 4.10, please provide details in the space below.

5. PRIORITIES AND COMMENTS

5.1	What are the priorities for implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in your jurisdiction?
	The overall priority of Latvia is to implement all obligations of the Convention into national legislation. A prior aim is to reduce the prevalence of smoking and the number of people exposed to second hand smoking. One of the most cost effective measures is to regulate various aspects such as price, penalties and prohibitions of smoking by law. A constant and ongoing work has been made to improve the legal system by amending the law “On Restrictions regarding Sale, Advertising and Use of Tobacco Products”. One of the prior aims is to detect and eliminate gaps in the legal system such as non restricted sales of alternative smoking product (herbal cigarettes, ect.). In the past few years specific attention was directed to the protection from tobacco smoke. Currently smoking is widely prohibited in most public places.
5.2	Have you identified any specific gaps between the resources available and the needs assessed for implementing the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
5.3	If you answered “Yes” to question 5.2, please provide details in the space below.

5.4	<p>What, if any, are the constraints or barriers, other than lack of resources, you have encountered in implementing the Convention?</p> <p><i>(Please refer to Article 21.1(b).)</i></p>
5.5	<p>Please provide any relevant information not covered elsewhere that you consider important.</p>
5.6	<p>Your suggestions for further development and revision of the reporting instrument:</p>

End of reporting instrument