

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

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## B1. TOBACCO CONSUMPTION

### Prevalence of tobacco use

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

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

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#### Current smokers

|                                 | Prevalence (%)<br>(please include all smoking<br>tobacco products in prevalence<br>data) | Average number of the most-consumed<br>smoking tobacco product used per day |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| MALE                            | 36.5   | 9.4   |
| FEMALE                          | 13.7   | 9.4   |
| TOTAL<br>(males and<br>females) | 25.6   |   |

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## Daily smokers

|                              | <b>Prevalence (%)</b><br>(please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data) | <b>Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day</b> |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| MALE                         | 33.4  | 9.4   |
| FEMALE                       | 12.2  | 9.4   |
| TOTAL<br>(males and females) | 23.3  |   |

## Occasional smokers

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

## Former smokers

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

## Never smokers

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

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

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

|           | <b>From</b> | <b>To</b> |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Age range | 18          | 64        |

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

2014

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

Samoa Need Assessment Report 2018

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

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Current smoker    | A person who has smoked any tobacco product in the previous 12 months.   |
| Daily smoker      | A current smoker who smokes a tobacco product on a daily basis.          |
| Occasional smoker | A current smoker who does not smoke on a daily basis.                    |
| Former smoker     | No definition.   |
| Never smoker      | A person who has not smoked a tobacco product in the previous 12 months. |

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

In almost 2 decades, smoking prevalence for males and females has continued to decrease. Smoking is significantly more prevalent in males than females. Manufactured cigarettes are increasingly the choice amongst daily smokers.

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

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

|   | Range -<br>start age | Range -<br>end age | Prevalence (%)<br>(please include all smoking tobacco<br>products in prevalence data) |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|---|
| MALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>                        | 18                   | 44                 | 38  |
| MALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>                        | 45                   | 64                 | 32  |
| MALES - current smokers <sup>1</sup>                        |                      |                    | 26  |
| FEMALES - current<br>smokers <sup>1</sup>                   | 18                   | 44                 | 13  |
| FEMALES - current<br>smokers <sup>1</sup>                   | 45                   | 64                 | 14  |
| TOTAL (males and females)<br>- current smokers <sup>1</sup> | 18                   | 44                 | 27  |
| TOTAL (males and females)<br>- current smokers <sup>1</sup> | 45                   | 64                 | 23  |

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

Manufactured cigarettes, hand-rolled cigarettes, rolled tobacco cigars and cheroots.

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

2017

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

STEPS REPORT 2014 & GYTS 2017

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

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

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

## Males

### Prevalence (%)

(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

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## Females

### Prevalence (%)

(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

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## TOTAL (males and females)

### Prevalence (%)

(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

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

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

**From To**

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

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

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

Current user  
 Daily user  
 Occasional user  
 Former user  
 Never user

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

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## Prevalence of smokeless tobacco use in the adult population (current users) by age group (by age groups)

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

| Range - start<br>age | Range - end<br>age | Prevalence (%)<br>(please include all smoking tobacco products in<br>prevalence data) |
|----------------------|--------------------|---|
|----------------------|--------------------|---|

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

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

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

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

## Tobacco use by ethnic group(s)

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

| Ethnic<br>group(s) | MALES -<br>Prevalence (%) | FEMALES -<br>Prevalence (%) | TOTAL (males and females) -<br>Prevalence (%) |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|

Please indicate the tobacco products included in the answer to question B15:

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

**From To**

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

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



## Tobacco use by young persons

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

|   | <b>Age<br/>range</b> | <b>SMOKING<br/>TOBACCO -<br/>Prevalence (%)</b> | <b>SMOKELESS<br/>TOBACCO -<br/>Prevalence (%)</b> | <b>WATER PIPE -<br/>Prevalence (%)</b> |
|---|----------------------|---|---|--|
| BOYS - Current users <sup>4</sup>                   | 13-15                | 42.2  |   |  |
| GIRLS - Current users <sup>4</sup>                  | 13-15                | 25.3  |   |  |
| TOTAL (boys and girls) - Current users <sup>4</sup> | 13-15                | 33.8  |   |  |

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

Cigarettes.

Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B16:

2017

Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B16:

Global Youth Tobacco Survey school-based student health survey

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

Smoked a cigarette on 1 or more days during the past 30 days.

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

Please attach the relevant documentation.

## Use of novel and emerging tobacco and nicotine products

| Age range | Heated tobacco products (HTPs) - Prevalence (%) | Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) - Prevalence (%) | Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS) - Prevalence (%) | Other products - Prevalence (%) |
|-----------|---|--|---|---------------------------------|
|-----------|---|--|---|---------------------------------|

## B2-B9. HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### Exposure to tobacco smoke

Do you have any data on exposure to tobacco smoke in your population?

Yes ✓

Please provide details in the space below (e.g. exposure by gender, at home, in the workplace, on public transport).

51.7% expose at home.

58.5% enclose public places

60% outdoors

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

2017

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

Global Youth Survey 2017

Please attach the relevant documentation.

No comment

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### Tobacco-related mortality

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

No ✗

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

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

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

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Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

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## Tobacco-related costs

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

Yes ✓

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Please provide details (e.g. direct (health care-related) and indirect costs and, if possible, the method used to estimate these costs).

direct health related 4% = 1.4m per year. Economic losses per year 33.2m WST.

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Please indicate the year of the data used to answer question B42:

2018

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Please indicate the source of the data used to answer question B42:

Samoa Need Assessment report 2018

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Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

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## Supply of tobacco and tobacco products

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

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Licit supply of tobacco products

| <b>Product</b> | <b>Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)</b> | <b>Domestic production</b> | <b>Retail sales</b> | <b>Exports</b> | <b>Imports</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|

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

information not available

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

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

Please attach the relevant documentation.

## Seizures of illicit tobacco products

*(with reference to Article 15.5)*

Seizures of illicit tobacco

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Product</b> | <b>Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)</b> | <b>Quantity seized</b> |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|

Do you have any information on the percentage of illicit tobacco products on the national tobacco market?

No ✘

Please provide any further information on illicit tobacco products.

Illicit trade of tobacco is not an issue for Samoa currently.

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

Please attach the relevant documentation.

## Tobacco-growing

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Is there any tobacco-growing in your jurisdiction?

No

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

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Taxation of tobacco products

*(with reference to Articles 6.2(a) and 6.3)*

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What proportion of the retail price of the most popular price category of tobacco product consists of taxes (e.g. sum of excise, sales and import duties (if applicable) and value added tax/goods and services tax (VAT/GST))?

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

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

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

|                          | <b>Product</b>         | <b>Type of tax</b> | <b>Rate or amount</b> | <b>Base of tax<sup>5</sup></b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Smoking tobacco products | Cigars                 | Excise import      | 256.52/1000sticks     |                                |
| Smoking tobacco products | Cigarette              | Excise import      | 273.12/1000sticks     |                                |
| Smoking tobacco products | Cigars                 | Import duty        | 90%CIF+\$80/kg        |                                |
| Smoking tobacco products | Cigarettes             | Import duty        | 90%CIF+\$7/kg         |                                |
| Smoking tobacco products | cigarettes             |                    |                       |                                |
| Other tobacco products   | Twist or stick tobacco | Excise             | \$214/kg              |                                |

Please briefly describe the trends in taxation for tobacco products in the past two years or since submission of your last report in your jurisdiction.

Cigars & cigarette = \$256.52/1000 sticks  
Twist or stick tobacco \$273.12/1000 sticks

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

No ✘

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

2018

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

Excise Tax Rate #3 2018

Please attach the relevant documentation.

No comment

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## Price of tobacco products

(with reference to Articles 6.2(a))

### Domestic

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

|                          | <b>Name of the most widely sold brands</b> | <b>Number of units or amount per package</b> | <b>Retail price</b> | <b>Currency</b>          |
|--------------------------|--|--|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Smoking tobacco products | Pall Mall filter menthol                   | 20 sticks-1pkt; 20 pkts-1ctn                 | WST\$14.20          | Samoan Tala (WST or SAT) |
| Smoking tobacco products | Rothmans                                   | 20 sticks-1pkt; 10 pkts-1ctn                 | WST\$10.00          | Samoan Tala (WST or SAT) |
| Smoking tobacco products | Winfield roll your own                     | 30grms-1pouch                                | WST\$10.00          | Samoan Tala (WST or SAT) |

### Imported

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

|  | <b>Name of the most widely sold brands</b> | <b>Number of units or amount per package</b> | <b>Retail price</b> | <b>Currency</b> |
|--|--|--|---------------------|-----------------|
|--|--|--|---------------------|-----------------|

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

2020

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

BAT Price list

Please briefly describe the trend in the prices of tobacco products in the past two years or since submission of your last report in your jurisdiction.

Trend in the prices of tobacco products driven by various factors according to submissions from the tobacco company (BATS) such as: increase in implementation costs (new health warning and labelling requirements as stipulated in Tobacco Control Regulations); increase in technical and administrative fees as a result of new system upgrades; increase in market recharges; capital expenditure (renovation, maintenance).

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

No comment

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## C1. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

*With reference to Article 5*

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Have you developed and implemented comprehensive multisectoral national tobacco control strategies, plans and programmes in accordance with the Convention?

Yes ✓

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Have you established or reinforced and financed:

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| a focal point for tobacco control?                     | Yes |
| a tobacco control unit?                                | Yes |
| a national coordinating mechanism for tobacco control? | Yes |

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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).

MOH is the focal point for tobacco control. We have a tobacco control unit and a national tobacco committee including public and private stakeholders.

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 5.1 and 5.2 (*General obligations*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

Samoa has implemented a multisectoral committee to enforce tobacco control and we have regulated for tobacco control through an Act and Regulation.

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

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

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

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

Yes ✓

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

No ✕

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If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions under C121 or C122, please provide details in the space below (specifically, please refer, if relevant, to whether your government or any of its departments 1) have raised awareness on tobacco industry tactics and the need to prevent interference by the tobacco industry with decision making; 2) have avoided entering into any partnerships or voluntary agreements with the tobacco industry; 3) have established any measures to limit interaction of public officials with the tobacco industry, including in the form of a code of conduct; 4) have not granted any incentives, privileges, benefits or preferential tax exemptions to the tobacco industry to establish or run their business; etc.).

1. Ministry of Health is raise awareness and enforcement of the Tobacco Control Act 2008, and Samoa does not yet have a law that explicitly requires public servant to comply with Article 5.3
2. Partially covered under the Tobacco Control Act 2008 which prohibit any sponsoring of any activity by the Tobacco industry.
3. One of the activity at the FCTC 2030 project work plan 2020-2021 is to include 5.3 into a code of conduct for Public Service Commission Code of Conduct.
4. None has been granted.

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 5.3 in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

There has been minimal progress in implementing Article 5.3 but there is plan to develop Code of Conduct for art 5.3 in the current work plan as a way forward of implementation.

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

No ✘

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

Technical Assistant is very much needed in the development of the code of conduct for public services for Article 5.3

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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

*With reference to Articles 6–14*

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

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

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

No ✗

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

Limit of 1 carton of duty free cigarettes (10 packets of 20 sticks) for international travelers. Increase of Excise tax.

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

Yes ✓

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If you answered “Yes” to question C215 please provide details in the space below or refer to section H of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=i4cbhupfmaujntw&lang=en>

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the guideline will guide Samoa in the developing of a policy to implement effective tobacco taxes as an important source of revenue and economically efficient using evidence from the WHO FCTC Investment Case study 2018 on social and economic cost of tobacco use in Samoa to meet its objectives and obligations under the Convention.

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke

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

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

Yes ✓

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

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| national law                                  | Yes |
| subnational law(s)                            | Yes |
| administrative and executive orders           |     |
| voluntary agreements                          | Yes |
| other measures (please specify in C223 below) |     |

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

Smoking is prohibited in public places and workplaces. Signs must be displayed accordingly. This has been enacted through law.

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

Yes ✓

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Please provide details of this system.

Pecuniary fine for non-compliance, enforcement by MOH enforcement officers.

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

### Indoor workplaces:

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| government buildings                | Complete |
| health-care facilities              | Complete |
| educational facilities <sup>6</sup> | Complete |
| universities                        | Complete |
| private workplaces                  | Complete |
| other (please specify below)        |          |

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

### Public transport:

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

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

### Indoor public places:

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| cultural facilities          | Complete |
| shopping malls               | Complete |
| pubs and bars                | Complete |
| nightclubs                   | Complete |
| restaurants                  | Complete |
| other (please specify below) |          |

**Please provide a brief summary of complete and partial measures, with specific details of the partial measures that have been implemented:**

Banning tobacco smoking in indoor workplaces

Complete ban, signs to be displayed.

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**Banning tobacco smoking in public transport**

Complete ban, signs to be displayed.

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**Banning tobacco smoking in indoor public places**

Complete ban, signs to be displayed.

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

No smoking workplaces is enforced and is complied with by most workplaces. There are designated smoking places for smokers to use.

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

Yes ✓

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If you answered "Yes" to question C229 please provide details in the space below or refer to section B of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is **voluntary**. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=i4cbhupfmaujntw&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=i4cbhupfmaujntw&lang=en>)

the guide line was used at the amendment of the Tobacco Control Act 2008 which amend some of the words definitions like "employee" include owners of public transport, "workplaces" omit indoor or enclose. The amendment also gives power to make regulations for additional smoke free places.

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

No comment

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## Regulation of the contents of tobacco products

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

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testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

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testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

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regulating the contents of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

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regulating the emissions of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

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

Tobacco companies are required to conduct annual testing (due date - 31st January for each calendar year) for the main three constituents (tar, carbon monoxide and nicotine) for tobacco product testing.

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

No ✘

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If you have any other relevant information pertaining to but not covered in this section, please provide details in the space below (e.g., whether your country 1) has incorporated product regulation in the national tobacco control legislation; 2) has access to either governmental or independent – not owned or controlled by the tobacco industry – laboratories for testing contents and/or emissions of tobacco products; 3) has regulated ingredients, such as flavours (e.g. menthol); 4) has regulated product characteristics, such as design features (e.g., cigarette ventilation); etc.).

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Regulation of tobacco product disclosures

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

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

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| contents of tobacco products?  | Yes |
| emissions of tobacco products? | Yes |

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requiring public disclosure of information about the:

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| contents of tobacco products?  | Yes |
| emissions of tobacco products? | Yes |

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

Tobacco companies are required to carry out testing of their products every calendar year and they submit a report to the MoH with the verified report from the WHO accredited Laboratory.

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

Yes ✓

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The development of the tobacco Control Act 2008 on section 28 - 30 and Tobacco Control Regulations 2013, section 11,12 and 13 are aligned with the guide line on annual testing of contained, emission additives and reporting with penalties for not compliance.

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



Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Packaging and labelling of tobacco products

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

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requiring that packaging, individual cigarettes or other tobacco products do not carry advertising or promotion?

Yes ✓

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requiring that packaging and labelling do not promote a product by any means that are false, misleading, deceptive or likely to create an erroneous impression about its characteristics, health effects, hazards or emissions?

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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ensuring that the health warnings are rotated?

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

No ✘

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

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

constituents of tobacco products? Yes

emissions of tobacco products? Yes

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

Yes ✔

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

We have enforced health warnings and graphic images on tobacco packages.

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

No ✘

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Education, communication, training and public awareness

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

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

Yes ✔

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To whom are these programmes targeted?

- adults or the general public
  - children and young people
  - men
  - women
  - pregnant women
  - ethnic groups
  - other (please specify)
  - Other
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Do you reflect the following key differences among targeted population groups in educational and public awareness programmes?

- age
  - gender
  - educational background
  - cultural background
  - socioeconomic status
  - other (please specify)
  - Other
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Do these educational and public awareness programmes cover:

- health risks of tobacco consumption?
  - health risks of exposure to tobacco smoke?
  - benefits of the cessation of tobacco use and tobacco-free lifestyles?
  - adverse economic consequences of tobacco production?
  - adverse economic consequences of tobacco consumption?
  - adverse environmental consequences of tobacco production?
  - adverse environmental consequences of tobacco consumption?
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awareness and participation of the following agencies and organizations in development and implementation of intersectoral programmes and strategies for tobacco control:

- public agencies?
  - nongovernmental organizations not affiliated with the tobacco industry?
  - private organizations?
  - other (please specify)?
  - Other
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Are the elaboration, management and implementation of communication, education, training and public awareness programmes guided by research and do they undergo pre-testing, monitoring and evaluation?

Yes ✓

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Are appropriate and special training or sensitization and awareness programmes on tobacco control addressed to:

- health workers?
- community workers?
- social workers?
- media professionals?
- educators?
- decision-makers?
- administrators?
- other (please specify)
- Other

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 12 (*Education, communication, training and public awareness*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

There are ongoing health awareness programs on tobacco that are continuously carried out; Samoa also celebrates World No Tobacco Day and as a party of the FCTC 2030 Project, Tobacco Control has become a main topic in all awareness and education programmes.

MoH has also implemented the PEN Faasamoa programme where Tobacco Control is incorporated and continuous awareness programmes especially carried out in villages and communities.

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

Yes ✓

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Educational, promotional, and awareness program are continues for schools, communities, womens group, community leaders, churches and government ministries and are align with the guideline.

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

Please attach the relevant documentation.

## Tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship

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

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

Yes ✓

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Does your ban cover:

- display and visibility of tobacco products at points of sales?
- the domestic Internet?  
the global Internet?  
brand stretching and/or brand sharing?
- product placement as a means of advertising or promotion?
- the depiction of tobacco or tobacco use in entertainment media products?
- tobacco sponsorship of international events or activities and/or participants therein?  
contributions from tobacco companies to any other entity for “socially responsible causes” and/or any other activities implemented under the umbrella of “corporate social responsibility” by the tobacco industry?
- cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship originating from your territory?
- the same forms of cross-border advertising, promotion and sponsorship entering your territory for which domestic regulation apply?

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

No ✗

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

Yes ✓

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

Advertising, promotion and sponsorship of tobacco is banned and has been legislated.  
The exemption of display at point of sale is removed.

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

Yes ✓

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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

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

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

No ✗

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programmes to promote cessation of tobacco use, including:

- media campaigns emphasizing the importance of quitting?
  - programmes specially designed for underage girls and young women?
  - programmes specially designed for women?
  - programmes specially designed for pregnant women?
  - telephone quitlines?
  - local events, such as activities related to World No Tobacco Day or National No Smoking Day, if appropriate?
  - other (please specify)?
  - Other
-

design and implementation of programmes aimed at promoting the cessation of tobacco use, in such locations as:

- educational institutions?
  - health-care facilities?
  - workplaces?
  - sporting environments?
  - other (please specify)?
  - Other
- 

inclusion of diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence and counselling services for cessation of tobacco use in national programmes, plans and strategies for:

- tobacco control?
  - health?
  - education?
- 

inclusion of programmes on the diagnosis and treatment of tobacco dependence in your health-care system?

No ✕

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training on tobacco dependence treatment incorporated into the curricula of health professional training at pre- and post-qualification levels at the following schools:

- medical?
  - dental?
  - nursing?
  - pharmacy?
  - Other
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facilitating accessibility and/or affordability of pharmaceutical products for the treatment of tobacco dependence?

Yes ✓

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

In pharmacies.

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

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

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

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| nicotine replacement therapy | Partially |
| bupropion                    | None      |
| varenicline                  | None      |
| other (please specify below) | None      |

Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 14 (*Demand reduction measures concerning tobacco dependence and cessation*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

National Cessation Training Manual was already drafted waiting for final copy than training for health professional non health professional will start this year..

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

Yes ✓

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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

*With reference to Articles 15–17*



## Illicit trade in tobacco products

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

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

No ✗

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

No ✗

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

No ✗

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

No ✘

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

No ✘

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

Yes ✔

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

Yes ✔

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

Licensing regulation has been approved and is at the process of implementation and enforce of manufactures, importers, distributors, hotels and nightclubs.

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Sales to and by minors

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

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prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?

Yes ✔

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Please specify the legal age:

21

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

No ✘

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prohibiting the sale of tobacco products from vending machines?

Yes ✓

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

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?

Yes ✓

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

This has been legislated and health awareness programs are continuous to enforce this measure.

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

The T/C Amendment Act 2019 allows the sale by the age of 15 years and sale to 21 years remain.

Refer to Tobacco Control Act 2008 (revise).(section23)

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities

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

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promoting economically viable and sustainable alternatives for:

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| tobacco growers?            | Not applicable |
| tobacco workers?            | No             |
| tobacco individual sellers? | No             |

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 17 (*Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

There has been no progress to date.

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

No ✘

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## C4. OTHER MEASURES AND POLICIES

*With reference to Articles 18–21*

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## Protection of the environment and the health of persons

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

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implementing measures in respect of tobacco cultivation within your territory, which take into consideration:

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| the protection of the environment?                    | Not applicable |
| the health of persons in relation to the environment? | Not applicable |

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implementing measures in respect of tobacco manufacturing within your territory, which take into consideration:

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| the protection of the environment?                    | Yes |
| the health of persons in relation to the environment? | Yes |

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 18 (*Protection of the environment and the health of persons*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

There is legislation that provides for smoke-free places and in workplaces and public places.

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

No ✘

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Liability

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

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

Yes

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

No

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

Yes

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

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

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## Research, surveillance and exchange of information

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

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developing and/or promoting research that addresses:

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

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

No

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a national system for epidemiological surveillance of:

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

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

STEP survey 2013, DHS 2014, GYTS 2017, WHO FCTC Investment Case for Samoa 2018

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

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regional and global exchange of publicly available national:

scientific, technical, socioeconomic, commercial and legal information?  
information on the practices of the tobacco industry?  
information on the cultivation of tobacco?

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an updated database of:

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

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Please provide a brief description of the progress made in implementing Article 20 (*Research, surveillance and exchange of information*) in the past two years or since submission of your last report.

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

The investment case study undertaken by the WHO FCTC, UNDP, RTI and partners in 2018 was to analyze the health and economic cost of tobacco use in Samoa.

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Please attach the relevant documentation.

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## D. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE

Pursuant to Article 21.1(c) and in accordance with Article 26, have you either provided or received financial or technical assistance (be it through unilateral, bilateral, regional, subregional or other multilateral channels, including relevant regional and international intergovernmental or nongovernmental organizations and financial and development institutions) for the development and strengthening of multisectoral, comprehensive tobacco control programmes of developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in any of the following areas:

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

Assistance provided Yes

Assistance received Yes

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

Assistance provided Yes

Assistance received Yes

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

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

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

Assistance provided Yes

Assistance received Yes

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

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

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

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

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

STEP Survey - World Bank

Democratic Health Survey (DHS) - UNICEF, UNFPA, Samoa

GYTS - WHO

Investment Case Study - WHO FCTC, UNDP, Australia and UK

Cessation Program, WHO, FCTC 2030 Project and Samoa

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

As stated above

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

Financial and technical assistance in cessation programs for smokers who are willing to quite smoking

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

No

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## E. PRIORITIES AND COMMENTS

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

looking at cessation programs to be implemented soon, the increase of tobacco taxes and strengthen tobacco control programs targeting women and children..

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Have you identified any specific gaps between the resources available and the needs assessed for implementing the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control?

No

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

Lack of finance and technical support.

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

smokeless tobacco products

water pipe tobacco

Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)

Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS)

heated tobacco products (HTPs)

Other

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

- smokeless tobacco products
  - water pipe tobacco
  - Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)
  - Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENNDS)
  - heated tobacco products (HTPs)
  - Other
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If you have any relevant information related to questions E5 and E6, please provide details in the space below.

The new definition of "tobacco product" under the Tobacco Control Amendment 2019 includes ENDS and ENNDS but none of the above listed tobacco product available at the local market.

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

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

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