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B1. TOBACCO CONSUMPTION

Prevalence of tobacco use

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)

Current smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)	Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day
MALE	54.5	
FEMALE	21.0	
TOTAL (males and females)	36.6	

Daily smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)	Average number of the most-consumed smoking tobacco product used per day
MALE	48.8	
FEMALE	17.1	
TOTAL (males and females)	31.8	

Occasional smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALE	5.7
FEMALE	4.0
TOTAL (males and females)	4.8

Former smokers

	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALE	10.6
FEMALE	4.4
TOTAL (males and females)	7.2

Never smokers

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

MALE	37.3
FEMALE	72.5
TOTAL (males and females)	56.1

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

Manufactured cigarettes and household produced tobacco (lekona/savusavu)

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

	From	To
Age range	18	69

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

2015

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

2015, STEPS Survey data (Report to be published 2018)

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

Current smoker	Those who had smoked any tobacco product (such as cigarettes, cigars or rolled tobacco) in the past 12 months
Daily smoker	Those who currently smoke tobacco products daily.
Occasional smoker	Those who smoke but not on a daily basis, we also use current non daily smokers as well when referring to occasional smokers
Former smoker	Those who used to smoke but have now stopped
Never smoker	Those who never smoked

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.

The adult male population shows are steady figure while the numbers in the female adult population is showing some decline, although not significant.

Smoking prevalence in the adult population (by age groups)

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

	Range - start age	Range - end age	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALES - current smokers ¹	18	29	61
MALES - current smokers ¹	30	44	57
MALES - current smokers ¹	45	69	49
MALES - current smokers ¹	18	69	56
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	18	29	22
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	30	44	22
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	45	69	19
FEMALES - current smokers ¹	18	69	21
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	18	29	40
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	30	44	37
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	45	69	35
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ¹	18	69	37

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

Cigarettes, cigars and household produced rolled tobacco product

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

2015

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

For the adult data – 2015 STEPS Survey data (report to be published 2018)

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.

The data is from 2006 STEPS and we will be conducting the follow up STEPS Survey this year, so we are not able to observe any trend, however anecdotally we have seen an increase uptake in women taking on the habit over the past two years

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)

Current users	4.2
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Females

Prevalence (%)

(please include all smokeless tobacco products in prevalence data)

Current users	3.0
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TOTAL (males and females)

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

Current users	3.5
Daily users	1.8
Occasional users	1.7
Never users	96.5

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

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

	From	To
Age range	18	69

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

2015

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

2015 STEPs Survey Data (to be published 2018)

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	Those who currently use smokeless tobacco products
Daily user	those who use smokeless tobacco products daily
Occasional user	those who use smokeless tobacco products but not on a daily basis
Former user	Those who have used smokeless tobacco products but have since stopped using the products
Never user	Those who have never used smokeless tobacco products

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.

Smokeless tobacco use in the country is very minimal but has shown some increase in the numbers of users although it is not a very significant number as yet.

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

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

	Range - start age	Range - end age	Prevalence (%) (please include all smoking tobacco products in prevalence data)
MALES - current smokers ²	18	29	4
MALES - current smokers ²	30	44	7
MALES - current smokers ²	45	69	1
MALES - current smokers ²	18	69	4
FEMALES - current smokers ²	18	29	3
FEMALES - current smokers ²	30	44	2
FEMALES - current smokers ²	45	69	5
FEMALES - current smokers ²	18	69	3
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ²	18	29	3
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ²	30	44	4
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ²	45	69	3
TOTAL (males and females) - current smokers ²	18	69	4

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

At the moment, smokeless tobacco use is not seen in the Solomon Islands, only used by foreigners who pass through who use their own smokeless tobacco products that they bring in. If locals use it then it would have been given to them by expats.

We do not sell or distribute smokeless tobacco products locally

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

2015

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

2015 STEPs Survey Data (Report to be published 2018)

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.

Starting to see people using smokeless tobacco products but this is not very common as yet.

Tobacco use by ethnic group(s)

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

Ethnic group(s)	MALES - Prevalence (%)	FEMALES - Prevalence (%)	TOTAL (males and females) - Prevalence (%)
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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)

	Age range	SMOKING TOBACCO - Prevalence (%)	SMOKELESS TOBACCO - Prevalence (%)	WATER PIPE - Prevalence (%)
BOYS - Current users ⁴	13-15	24.3		
GIRLS - Current users ⁴	13-15	23.4		
TOTAL (boys and girls) - Current users ⁴	13-15	24.2		

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

Factory manufactured cigarettes and local household produced tobacco (lekona)

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

2008

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

Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2008

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

Having smoked or used tobacco in the last 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.

We have observed that the uptake of the use of tobacco in the youth in the Solomon Islands has increased over the past two years, however I would like to think that with the recent anti-tobacco campaigns and the awareness programs of the tobacco control legislature of recent months the number would have reduced somewhat. The answer will be clear when we repeat the GSHS/GYTS in August of this year 2018.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

No comment

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Use of novel and emerging tobacco and nicotine products

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

We can give the data for the overall exposure and this is 79.9% however since we do not have the raw data from this particular GYTS (2008) the requested breakdown cannot be given.

We were planning to repeat the GYTS/GSHS this year 2020 - after having it postponed in previous years, however, with the COVID 19 situation we have here with schools closed at the moment and population researches and surveys put on hold, we are currently assessing the situation but it is looking unlikely that we will be able to conduct the GYTS and the GSHS this year.

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

2008

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

Global Youth Tobacco Survey

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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.

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

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

Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

Tobacco-related costs

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

No ✕

Please submit a copy of the study you refer to:

Supply of tobacco and tobacco products

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

Licit supply of tobacco products

	Product	Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)	Domestic production	Retail sales	Exports	Imports
Smoking tobacco products	RYO Tobacco	3,384,600 pieces	Domestic	SBD \$37.90 per pack		
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes - Pall Mall Blue 25	5,723,100	Domestic	SBD \$42.60 per pack		
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes, Pall Mall Blue 20	5,241,000	Domestic	SBD\$32.50 per pack		
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes, Pall Mall Green 25	41,700	Domestic	SBD\$42.60 per pack		
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes, Pall Mall Green 20	79,000	Domestic	SBD\$32.50 per pack		
Smoking tobacco products	Rothmans 20	239,000	Domestic	SBD\$32.50 per packet		
Smokeless tobacco products	Bro		Domestic	SBD\$20.00 per packet		

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

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

2017

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

Disclosure report as required by law for manufacturing companies to report

Please attach the relevant documentation.

**Disclosure
Report 2017
from Solomon
Islands Tobacco
Company
(SITCO)**

Branch of BAT - Reports are required by tobacco control laws to be submitted by every March 31st of the following year

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Seizures of illicit tobacco products

(with reference to Article 15.5)

Seizures of illicit tobacco

	Year	Product	Unit (e.g. pieces, tonnes)	Quantity seized
Smoking tobacco products	2010	Cigarettes	pieces	200 sleeves
Smoking tobacco products	2010	Cigarettes	pieces	238 sleeves
Smoking tobacco products	2012	Cigarettes	pieces	56 sleeves
Smoking tobacco products	2013	Cigarettes	pieces	215 sleeves
Smoking tobacco products	2013	Cigarettes	pieces	57 sleeves
Smoking tobacco products	2014	Cigarettes	pieces	200 sleeves
Smoking tobacco products	2014	Cigarettes	tonnes	900 Cartons
Smoking tobacco products	2014	Cigarettes	pieces	239 sleeves
Smokeless tobacco products	2016	Cigarettes	pieces	258 sleeves

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.

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

Please attach the relevant documentation.

No comment

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Tobacco-growing

Is there any tobacco-growing in your jurisdiction?

Yes ✓

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

The tobacco growing referred to above is not mass production to supply the tobacco industry but just growing tobacco in small household scale, for personal use and some for lower scale public sale

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

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

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

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Taxation of tobacco products

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

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

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

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

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

	Product	Type of tax	Rate or amount	Base of tax⁵
Smoking tobacco products	Pall Mall	Excise - Specific, Goods Tax - Ad valorem	Specific - 0.4007, Goods tax - 10% of the wholesale price	per stick
Smoking tobacco products	Bro	Excise - Specific, Goods tax - Ad valorem	Specific - 0.4007, Goods tax - 10% of the wholesale price	per stick
Smoking tobacco products	Solbaco (RYO)	Excise - specific, goods tax - ad valorem	Specific - \$92.68, Goods tax - 10% of the wholesale price	kgs

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.

There has been a 35% increase in excise tax over the past 4 years. (10% in 2014, 10% in 2016, 15% in 2017). No increase in excise in 2015. We are considering another increase this year. Currently, there is around approx. 28% of tax in the price of a single roll.

Not much changes have been seen in the past two years.

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

No

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

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

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Price of tobacco products

(with reference to Articles 6.2(a))

Domestic

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

	Name of the most widely sold brands	Number of units or amount per package	Retail price	Currency
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes - Pall Mall Blue	25	\$42.60 - \$45 per packet	SBD
Smoking tobacco products	Cigarettes - Pall Mall Blue	20	\$32.50 - \$35 per packet	SBD
Smoking tobacco products	RYO Tobacco	50 grams	\$37.90 - \$40 per packet	SBD
Smokeless tobacco products	Bro	20	\$20 per packet	SBD

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.

	Name of the most widely sold brands	Number of units or amount per package	Retail price	Currency
Smoking tobacco products	Pall Mall Blue	25 per package	\$340 (10packets)	SBD\$
Smoking tobacco products	Pall Mall Blue	20 per package	\$270 (10 packets)	SBD\$

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

2017

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

Owner of importing company

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.

This importer is the only one importer licensee in country and he is running duty free sales from his duty free shop at the only International airport in the country. It is interesting to note from his records that he is not even importing cigarettes as the cigarettes sold from his shop are all locally produced from the Solomon Islands Tobacco Company (SITCO) the British American Tobacco branch here in country. His set up is new and he has been here for the past two years now.

The shop is selling a sleeve of 10 packets and he is selling packets of 25 cigarette initially until September when SITCO introduced their packet of 20s which is what most people are buying from the duty free shop now.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

C1. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

With reference to Article 5

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

No ✘

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?

Yes ✔

Have you established or reinforced and financed:

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

Please provide details (e.g. the nature of the national coordinating mechanism, the institution to which the focal point for tobacco control or the tobacco control unit belongs).

A national coordinating mechanism for tobacco control in the country was established May 2014 with the formulation of a national stakeholder group for tobacco control and also the endorsement of a technical advisory group. Prior to May 2014, the national coordinating group/committee for tobacco control in the country was the Tobacco Control Taskforce Committee (TCTFC). The TCTFC was mandated by the Minister of Health with the task of formulating the tobacco control regulations. However, in the absence of a national coordinating mechanism the TCTFC has been the interim advisory group for tobacco control in the country. This group consisted of a chairman (under secretary of Health Improvement), a vice chairman (National Director, Health Promotions), the national tobacco control focal point (National Director of NCD Prevention and Control) and members which also includes the National Tobacco Control Coordinator. Other members include a Ministry of Education representative, Ministry of Finance and Treasury and the civil society. TCTFC has been coordinating all the efforts geared towards tobacco control from 2010 up till the year of 2014, May, when a wider and more extended group of stakeholders met and the national tobacco control stakeholders committee was established along with the endorsement of the technical advisory group (TAG) for tobacco control. The TAG for tobacco control is generally an extension of the TCTFC.

As mentioned above the national focal point for tobacco control is the Director for NCDs prevention and control, and this commenced in 2010. Before 2010, the focal point was the Director of Health Promotions. We now have a tobacco control unit, with two people coordinating this unit with support from the staff from both the NCD Department and the Health Promotions Department. Tobacco Focal Point now is still the Director for NCDs.

We are now looking at legislating a technical advisory group for tobacco control in the amendments for the Tobacco Control Act 2010 which we will be putting through Cabinet this year. This group will continue to coordinate tobacco control activities in the country especially the implementation and enforcement of the Tobacco Control legislation. We will be doing recruitments as well for the Tobacco Control Unit to bulk up the work force for compliance and enforcement of the tobacco control laws.

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.

Tobacco Focal Point shifted from Health Promotions department to NCD Department.

Tobacco Control Taskforce Committee has been the coordinating body for efforts concerning tobacco control in the country for the past two year under the leadership and guidance of the tobacco control focal point who is also the Director for NCDs in country.

Tobacco Control Multisectoral Committee following their establishment 4 years ago continues to meet quarterly.

TCTFC plus additional members endorsed to be the technical advisory group (TAG) for tobacco control in the country and provisions for the Tobacco Control TAG is reflected in the amendments of the Tobacco Control Act 2010

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

We are also working on establishing advisory boards as well and this will be reflected in the amendments of the Tobacco Control Act 2010 as well as Tobacco Control Regulations 2013 upon the approval of the Parliament.

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:

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

Yes ✓

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?

Yes ✓

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.).

We have guidelines developed as part of a Bloomberg Project on Article 5.3 which we are using along with a presentation of tobacco industry interference to inform all line ministries. We are also in the process of setting up a 5.3 teaching module for public servants as part of the ongoing IPAM training conducted by a department within the Ministry of Public Service. The idea is to include factor in Article 5.3 into the code of conduct for public servants.

As far as Article 12 is concerned, a national campaign to educate the public on the dangers of tobacco use and running awareness on the Tobacco Control Act 2010 was conducted at the latter part of 2012. Ongoing use of media which included radio talkback shows and 15 minutes spots informing the public on the tobacco control legislation and other issues concerning tobacco use and control were aired on the national radio station.

The document for the amendment of the Tobacco Control Act 2010 also has provisions for Article 5.3 as well. We are working towards having these amendments discussed by the Parliament this year if we can.

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.

Development of guidelines for interactions with the industry

Discussions with Ministry of Public Service to factor in elements in Article 5.3 into the code of conduct

Public Service training program to include FCTC and specifically Article 5.3

Draft amendment for Article 5.3 to be part of the Tobacco Control Act. The amendment document is at its final draft now and we will be putting it to Cabinet and later the Parliament hopefully before the end of the year.

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

Yes ✓

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

Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire

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

Please attach the relevant documentation.

C2. MEASURES RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF DEMAND FOR TOBACCO

With reference to Articles 6–14

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:

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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.

There is 35% increase in excise tax over the past 4 years. (10% in 2014, 10% in 2016, 15% in 2017). No increase in excise in 2015. We have not seen much, if any increase over the past two years.

We are considering another increase this year and we continue to work closely with the Economic Reform Unit, Ministry of Finance to consider these increases.

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

No ✘

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

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

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

Yes ✔

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

national law	Yes
subnational law(s)	No
administrative and executive orders	Yes
voluntary agreements	Yes
other measures (please specify in C223 below)	No

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

Part 5 of the Tobacco Control Act 2010 provides for smoke-free areas which includes banning tobacco smoking in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor public places and, as appropriate, other public places . We have developed a smoke-free policy for schools and we are working on smoke-free policies for workplace, health facilities and public transport.

There is also an administrative and executive order from Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Health and Medical Services present that bans smoking within the Ministry of Health Compound with billboards and signs to enforce this order. This includes the main office/headquarters as well as living quarters of health workers within the medical compound.

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

Yes ✔

Please provide details of this system.

We have now in final draft an Enforcement/ Compliance Strategy Plan to support our enforcement policy along with enforcement training manuals. The Enforcement/Compliance Strategy Plan has three major components and one of the major components is the control of second hand smoking.

Although we have plans and strategies going forward in place, the implementation as far as the enforcement of the Tobacco Control Act 2010 in the past two years has not been forthcoming due to lack of funds.

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 ⁶	Complete
universities	Partial
private workplaces	Complete
other (please specify below)	None

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

Public transport:

airplanes	Complete
trains	Complete
ferries	Partial
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 indoor ban with designated area provisions

Banning tobacco smoking in public transport

No Smoking in public transport is prohibited, provision given for an area allocated on ferries to smoke which should be at the back of the ferries where the smoke will not drift back into the ferry.

Banning tobacco smoking in indoor public places

Indoor smoking anywhere is prohibited

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.

Part 5 of the Tobacco Control Act 2010 - Second Hand Smoking (Smoke-free law) is now in force and being implemented where there is prohibition of smoking in: schools, health facilities including hospitals, workplaces and public transport which includes buses, taxis, ships and airplanes.

This will be supported by the enforcement documents following executive endorsement.

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

Yes ✓

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=y3br7uqisag9zr3&lang=en>

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

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

testing and measuring the contents of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

testing and measuring the emissions of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

regulating the contents of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

regulating the emissions of tobacco products?

Yes ✓

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.

The Solomon Islands Tobacco Control Regulations 2013 gazetted on the 8th of December 2013. The commencement of this piece of legislation actually came into force in January 2015. Since then regulating contents of tobacco products, especially with the two manufacturing companies we have on the ground has been very active.

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 ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C236 please provide details in the space below or refer to section C 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=y3br7uqisag9zr3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=y3br7uqisag9zr3&lang=en>)

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.).

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

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

requiring public disclosure of information about the:

contents of tobacco products?	No
emissions of tobacco products?	No

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.

As per provisions in the Tobacco Control Regulations 2013, the manufacturing companies operating in country have been submitting their disclosure reports to the Ministry of Health by the 31st of March every following year.

This has been going on since 2015 and we have been getting the disclosure reports. However, one of the manufacturing companies have not submitted their disclosure report this March yet and we are on their case with penalties to be put forward pending their explanation of their non / late submission.

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 ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C244 please provide details in the space below or refer to section C 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=y3br7uqisag9zr3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=y3br7uqisag9zr3&lang=en>)

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.

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:

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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 ✓

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

Yes ✓

ensuring that the health warnings are rotated?

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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? No

emissions of tobacco products? No

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 ✓

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.

Since the commencement of the Tobacco Control Regulations in 2015 January, all packaging of tobacco products have been labelled with Graphic Health Warnings as well as health warnings.

10 pictures have been used with 5 GHWs for 9 months and then 3 months for transition and the other 5 GHWs takes the next 9 months and so forth. We have not changed any of the GHWs since 2015 but we are looking at adding a few local images to the GHWs database of the Tobacco Control Regulations.

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

Yes ✓

If you answered "Yes" to question C2516 please provide details in the space below or refer to section D of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=y3br7uqisag9zr3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=y3br7uqisag9zr3&lang=en>)

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

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Solomon Islands Tobacco Control Regulations 2013	No comment	File type "pdf"
Tobacco Control Act 2010	Up for Amendments - amendments in progress	File type "pdf"
Tobacco Control (Provisions for Licences) Regulations 2015	No comment	File type "pdf"

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:

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

Yes ✓

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

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

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?

awareness and participation of the following agencies and organizations in development and implementation of intersectoral programmes and strategies for tobacco control:

- public agencies?
 - nongovernmental organizations not affiliated with the tobacco industry?
 - private organizations?
 - other (please specify)?
 - Other
-

Are the elaboration, management and implementation of communication, education, training and public awareness programmes guided by research and do they undergo pre-testing, monitoring and evaluation?

Yes ✓

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

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

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

Continuous activities for National Campaign – Awareness on tobacco control legislation and health effects of tobacco use, including advocacy for enforcement

Developed Strategic Health Communication Plan for Tobacco Control continues to be implemented by the health promotion/communication officers

Ongoing radio spots and radio talkback shows continuous

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

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C269 please provide details in the space below or refer to section E of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=y3br7uqisag9zr3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=y3br7uqisag9zr3&lang=en>)

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:

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

Yes ✓

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?
-

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

No ✗

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?

No ✗

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.

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

Yes ✓

If you answered “Yes” to question C2715 please provide details in the space below or refer to section F of the additional questionnaire available at this link. Response to this question or to the additional questionnaire is voluntary. <https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=y3br7uqisag9zr3&lang=en> (<https://extranet.who.int/dataform/655321?token=y3br7uqisag9zr3&lang=en>)

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.

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:

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

No ✕

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)?
- Churches 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 ✕

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

- medical?
- dental?
- nursing?
- pharmacy?
- Other

facilitating accessibility and/or affordability of pharmaceutical products for the treatment of tobacco dependence?

Yes ✓

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

Can be purchased at private pharmacy outlets

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	None
bupropion	None
varenicline	None
other (please specify below)	

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.

There has not been much development except for training on dependence counselling for health officers, teachers as well as church workers.

NRTs are available in certain private pharmacies but still to be procured by government pharmacies. NO government subsidies in place as well for cessation medicines.

Tobacco cessation services to be part of the WHO PEN program that the country is rolling out

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

No

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

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:

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 ✓

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 ✓

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 ✓

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

No ✗

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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 ✓

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

Yes ✓

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?

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

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 ✓

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

Yes ✓

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.

The country is currently working on a Cabinet submission for the ascension of the country to the Protocol to eliminate Illicit Trade of tobacco working closely with WHO.

Ministry of Health Executives have endorsed the proposal for the Protocol, and it will be going to the Attorney Generals Chambers soon for vetting before it is presented to Cabinet. In the Solomon Islands we do not have to go to Parliament for endorsement and this can be done at the Cabinet level.

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

We currently have customs officers also as part of the tobacco control taskforce who are also attending workshops on the illicit trade of tobacco products.

A few customs officers have also attended training workshops on the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade of Tobacco Products and now with the new customs comptroller we have a great partnership of Health and Customs going forward.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

prohibiting the sales of tobacco products to minors?

Yes ✓

Please specify the legal age:

18

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 ✓

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 ✓

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

No ✗

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

No ✗

prohibiting the sale of tobacco products from vending machines?

Yes ✓

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

to the public?

to minors?

prohibiting the sale of cigarettes individually or in small packets?

Yes ✓

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

Yes ✓

prohibiting the sales of tobacco products by minors?

No ✗

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.

There are provisions for the sale to minors but nothing on sale by minors. No prosecution made as yet as the enforcement and compliance strategic plan is still to be finalized and endorsed.

Selling to minors is one of the 3 major areas targeted as low hanging fruits which the Enforcement/ Compliance for tobacco control strategic plan is targeting. The other two areas are second hand smoking and the selling of single rolls.

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

We are currently in the process of amending the Tobacco Control Act 2010 to include sales by minors restrictions as well, and not just sales to minors.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

Provision of support for economically viable alternative activities

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

promoting economically viable and sustainable alternatives for:

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

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.

No provisions for Article 17 in the country's tobacco control legislature

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

No ✘

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

Please attach the relevant documentation.

C4. OTHER MEASURES AND POLICIES

With reference to Articles 18–21

Protection of the environment and the health of persons

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Progress has been slow but steady.

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?

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.

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:

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

No

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

Yes

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

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.

Not much has been happening in this space in the past two years.

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.

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:

developing and/or promoting research that addresses:

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

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

Yes ✓

a national system for epidemiological surveillance of:

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

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

STEPS survey - 2005/2006 and the recent one in 2015

GYTS - 2008

GSHS - 2011

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.

Yes, were planning to do GSHS as well as GYTS this year in April actually but this has now been called off due to the situation with COVID 19. Schools closed.

We will assess the situation and see whether we can do it later this year.

The next STEPs survey is planned for 2021.

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?
-

an updated database of:

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

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.

None.

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).

We plan to repeat all surveys every 5 year intervals.

Please attach the relevant documentation.

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:

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

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	Yes

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

Assistance provided	No
Assistance received	Yes

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

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

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

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

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

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

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

Assistance provided No

Assistance received No

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

WHO, WHO TFI, FCTC Convention secretariat , Secretariat of the South Pacific (SPC), McCabe Cancer Centre (Melbourne)

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

The main party that has been assisting us on tobacco control is WHO. There is also small support coming from SPC (Community of the South Pacific).

In the past two years their work has involved training and workshops on accelerating excise tax on tobacco.

WHO, together with the McCabe Cancer Centre (Melbourne) have rendered technical assistance towards the strengthening of tobacco control legislation as well as tobacco control enforcement work.

Under WHO funds we have also had a consultant doing work on tobacco tax regimes to help inform and assist the Economic Reform Unit, Ministry of Finance.

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.

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 ✘

E. PRIORITIES AND COMMENTS

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

Implementation of FCTC in the Solomon Islands is high in the priorities. And we are looking at low hanging fruits from the Needs Assessment work done in 2012 to guide us.

Looking at gaps and recommendations and working to minimize the gaps where we can.

Currently we are targeting 3 areas:

1. Second Hand Smoking
2. Sale to minors (as well as working to amend legislation to include sale by minors as well)
3. Sale of single cigarette sticks

However, because issues with the administration of funds most of the above work have been stalled for the past two years. We have not made much progress in the past two years

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

Yes ✔

Please provide details in the space below.

The Solomon Islands conducted the Tobacco Control Needs Assessment in collaboration with the convention secretariat in March of 2012 where gaps were identified and recommendations made. The Solomon Islands is committed to ensure that the gaps identified be nullified as we progress to implement the recommendations. See Needs Assessment document attached.) This document continues to guide us in prioritizing the areas of tobacco control going forward.

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

Mixed bag of political commitment, lack of awareness of FCTC, tobacco industry interference, lack of funds

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

We saw an ENDS device
 being sold at a shop in the
 capital.

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

We are doing amendment
 to the Tobacco Control Act
 2010 and this should now
 cover the above products -
 mainly the prohibition on
 the sale of ENDS/ ENNDS/
 HTPs

If you have any relevant information related to questions E5 and E6, please provide details in the space below.

The smokeless tobacco that people are using now is just taken from cigarette rolls and chewed mainly with betel nut. But this will be a very low portion of the smoking population.

We do not sell smokeless tobacco products nor do we have water pipe tobacco or ENDS.

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

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

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