

Access and Availability of Smokeless Tobacco to Minors



Policy progress on Article 16:

- Two-thirds of the Parties 67% (n=120) banned sale of SLT to minors.
- Fifty-seven percent of the Parties have partial ban on SLT sale to minors.
- Ten percent of the Parties have complete ban on SLT sale to minors. (Fig.1)

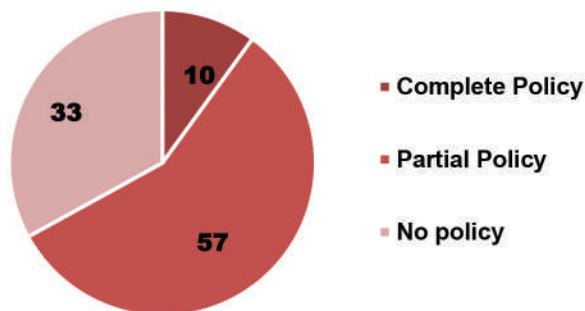


Fig. 1: Ban on SLT Sale to Minors

Provisions of Article 16 by Income Groups and WHO Regions

Ban on sale to minors

- No marked difference among high and low resource countries has been noted (Fig. 2).
- European region (EUR) has the highest proportion of Parties notifying the ban (80%) (Fig. 3).

Prohibition on distribution of free tobacco products

- Nearly 40% Parties have prohibited distribution of free SLT products to minors (Fig. 2).
- Distribution among high and low resource Parties is similar (Fig. 2).
- South-east Asia region (SEAR) has the maximum proportion of Parties specifying this regulation (70%) (Fig. 3).

Prohibition on sale of loose/individual cigarettes and/or SLT products

- A total of 18 Parties (11%) have specified prohibition on sale of SLT on packs weighing less than 30gm.
- Most of these Parties belong to the low resource group (Fig. 2).
- Western Pacific region (WPR) has the maximum proportion of Parties specifying this regulation (26%) (Fig. 3).

Ban on sale by minors

- Nearly 45% Parties have banned sale of SLT products by minors (Fig. 2).
- Distribution among high and low resource Parties is similar (Fig. 2).
- SEAR has the maximum proportion of Parties specifying the ban (70%) (Fig. 3).

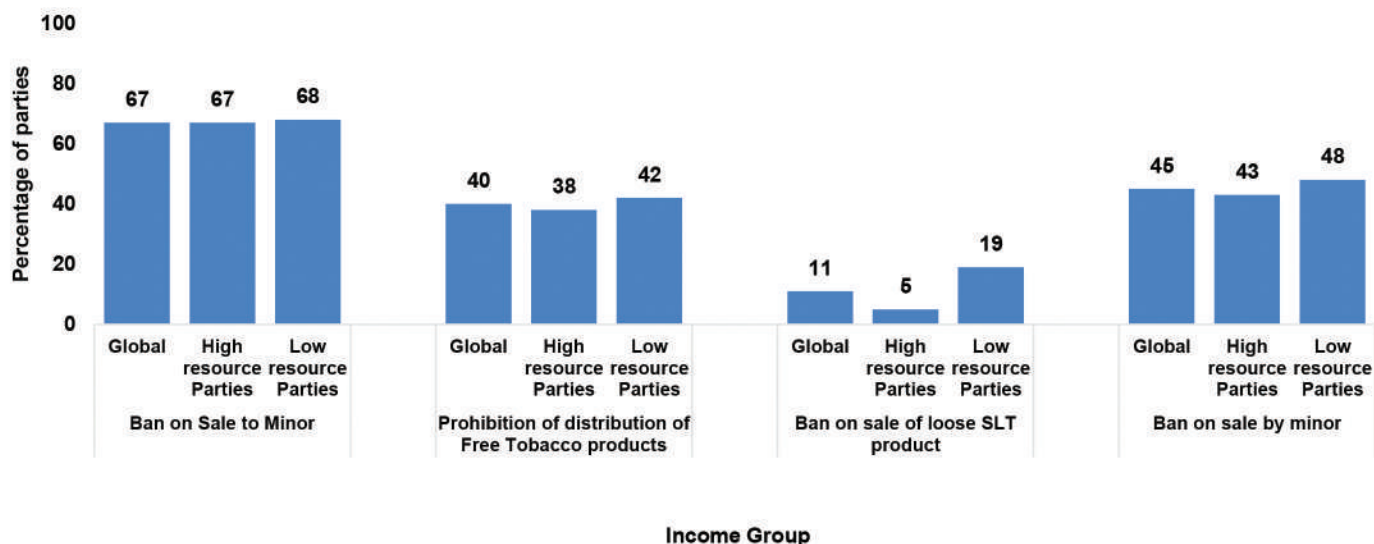


Fig. 2: Implementation of Article 16 by Income Groups

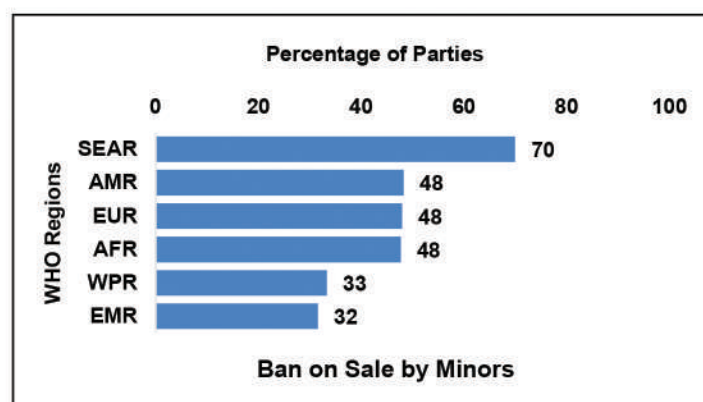
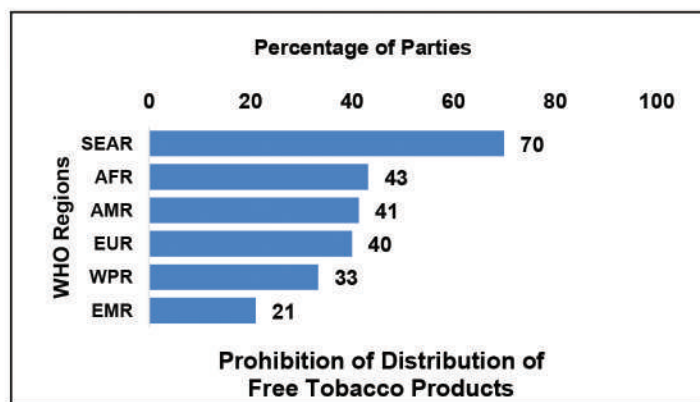
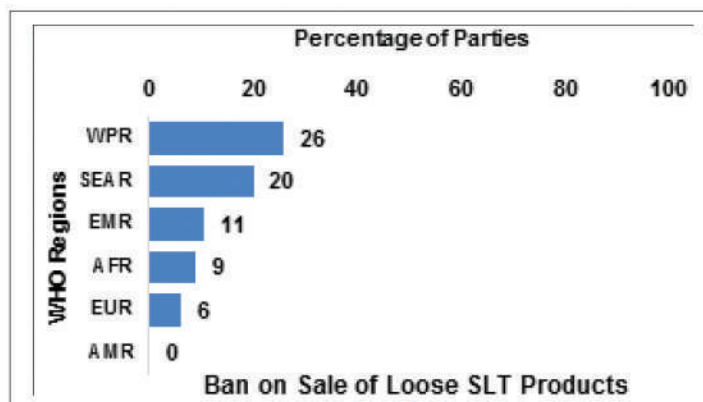
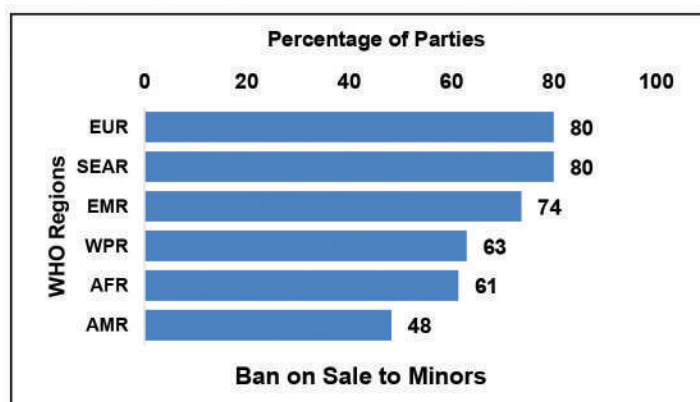


Fig 3: Implementation of Article 16 by WHO Regions

Indicator of implementation

Implementation of Article 16 has **not** been given considerable attention by the Parties. Response to the GYTS indicator “Subjects (%) who bought cigarettes from stores but were NOT refused because of their age” has been used for SLT only by India. GYTS India (2009) reports 56% positive responses under this question for SLT.