



E-CIGARETTE BAN & REGULATION: GLOBAL STATUS AS OF OCTOBER 2019

42 COUNTRIES¹ BAN SELLING OF E-CIGARETTES

The sale/distribution of e-cigarettes² is banned in the following forty-two (42) countries: *Antigua and Barbuda**, *Argentina*, *Australia*, *Bahrain*, *Barbados***, *Bhutan*, *Brazil*, *Brunei Darussalam*, *Cambodia*, *Colombia*, *Costa Rica***, *Egypt**, *Ethiopia**, *Gambia*, *India*³, *Iran*, *Japan*, *Jordan*, *N Korea*, *Kuwait*, *Laos*, *Lebanon*, *Mauritius*, *Mexico*, *Nepal*, *Nicaragua*, *Oman*, *Panama*, *Qatar*, *Saudi Arabia*, *Seychelles*, *Singapore*, *Sri Lanka*, *Suriname*, *Syria*, *Thailand*, *Timor-Leste*, *Turkmenistan*, *Uganda*, *Uruguay*, *Vatican City*, *Venezuela**

56 COUNTRIES ALLOW SELLING OF E-CIGARETTES BUT PROVIDE SALES RESTRICTIONS/REGULATIONS

In fifty-six (56) countries that permit the sale of e-cigarettes, there are regulations around sale such as cross-border sale restrictions/regulations, restrictions in venues where they can be sold, access restrictions, or other restrictions:

Austria, *Belgium*, *Bulgaria*, *China*, *Canada*, *Croatia*, *Cyprus*, *Czech Republic*, *Denmark*, *Ecuador*, *Estonia*, *Fiji*, *Finland*, *France*, *Georgia*, *Germany*, *Greece*, *Honduras*, *Hungary*, *Iceland*, *Indonesia*, *Ireland*, *Italy*, *Ivory Coast*, *Jamaica*^{4**}, *S. Korea*, *Latvia*, *Liechtenstein*, *Lithuania*, *Luxembourg*, *Malaysia*, *Maldives*, *Malta*, *Moldova*, *Netherlands*, *New Zealand*, *Norway*, *Palau*, *Philippines*, *Poland*, *Portugal*, *Romania*, *San Marino*, *Slovakia*, *Slovenia*, *Spain*, *Sweden*, *Switzerland*^{5**}, *Tajikistan*, *Togo*, *Turkey*⁶, *Ukraine*, *United Arab Emirates*, *United Kingdom*, *Vietnam*.

30 COUNTRIES REGULATE NICOTINE (and/or OTHER) CONTENT/S OF E-CIGARETTES

Of the fifty-six (56) countries allowing the sale of e-cigarettes, at least thirty (30) are known to regulate the amount (concentration/volume) of nicotine in e-liquids – in the EU, the threshold concentration is 20mg/mL “AND” do not permit the use of ingredients (other than nicotine) that pose a risk to human health in heated or unheated form in nicotine-containing e-liquid (“OR” for Canada and Israel):

Austria, *Belgium*, *Bulgaria*, *Canada*, *Croatia*, *Cyprus*, *Czech Republic*, *Denmark*, *Estonia*, *Finland*, *France*, *Germany*, *Greece*, *Ireland*, *Israel*, *Italy*, *Latvia*, *Lithuania*, *Luxembourg*, *Malta*, *Moldova*, *Netherlands*, *Poland*, *Portugal*, *Romania*, *Slovakia*, *Slovenia*, *Spain*, *Sweden*, and *United Kingdom*.

OTHERS: There is no reliable information available in other countries and are hence, not listed here. E-cigarettes are found/ likely permitted in many African/ Latin American countries, although in many cases, there are no specific laws allowing/ disallowing the same.

SOURCES:

1. [Global Tobacco Control website: https://www.globaltobaccocontrol.org/e-cigarette/domain-classification](https://www.globaltobaccocontrol.org/e-cigarette/domain-classification)
2. Information provided by country contacts

* Included based on information from *No Fire, No Smoke: The Global State of Harm Reduction, 2018 (GSTHR)*

**Conflicting information found

¹ Refers to sovereign states. Territories such as **Hong Kong**, which is has pending legislation for banning e-cigarettes, is not included in this listing.

² Five (5) countries specifically prohibit the sale of nicotine-containing e-cigarettes: *Australia*, *Costa Rica***, *Japan*, *Mexico*, *Sri Lanka*.

³ India issued an executive order prohibiting sale of e-cigarettes but legislation on the same is still pending.

⁴ Importation is not allowed without permit from the health ministry, use in public places is banned.

⁵ A ban on sale was overturned by the courts as of Apr 2018 No information regarding appeal.

⁶ Plans to ban e-cigarettes sales have been announced in Turkey.