



## E-CIGARETTE BAN & REGULATION: GLOBAL STATUS AS OF February 2020

### 41 COUNTRIES BAN SELLING OF E-CIGARETTES

The sale/distribution of e-cigarettes<sup>2</sup> is banned in the following forty-one (41) countries: *Antigua and Barbuda\**, *Argentina*, *Australia*, *Bahrain\*\**, *Barbados\*\**, *Bhutan*, *Brazil*, *Brunei Darussalam*, *Cambodia*, *Colombia*, *Costa Rica\*\**, *Ethiopia\**, *Gambia*, *India*, *Iran*, *Japan*, *N. Korea*, *Kuwait\*\**, *Lao PDR*, *Lebanon*, *Mauritius\*\**, *Mexico*, *Nepal*, *Nicaragua*, *Oman*, *Palestine*, *Panama*, *Qatar*, *Seychelles*, *Singapore*, *Sri Lanka*, *Suriname*, *Syria*, *Thailand*, *Timor-Leste*, *Turkey*, *Turkmenistan*, *Uganda*, *Uruguay*, *Vatican City*, *Venezuela\**

### 66 COUNTRIES ALLOW SELLING OF E-CIGARETTES (BUT PROVIDE SALES RESTRICTIONS/REGULATIONS)

In sixty-six (66) countries that permit the sale of e-cigarettes, there are typically some regulation that govern the sale such as cross-border sale restrictions/regulations, restrictions in venues where they can be sold, access restrictions, or other restrictions:

*Afghanistan*, *Austria*, *Belgium*, *Bulgaria*, *China*, *Canada*, *Croatia*, *Cyprus*, *Czech Republic*, *Denmark*, *Djibouti*, *Ecuador*, *Egypt*, *Estonia*, *Fiji*, *Finland*, *France*, *Georgia*, *Germany*, *Greece*, *Honduras*, *Hungary*, *Iceland*, *Indonesia\*\*\**, *Iraq*, *Ireland*, *Italy*, *Ivory Coast*, *Jamaica<sub>3</sub>\*\**, *Jordan*, *S. Korea*, *Latvia*, *Libya*, *Liechtenstein*, *Lithuania*, *Luxembourg*, *Malaysia*, *Maldives*, *Malta*, *Moldova*, *Morocco*, *Netherlands*, *New Zealand*, *Norway*, *Palau*, *Pakistan*, *Philippines*, *Poland*, *Portugal*, *Romania*, *San Marino*, *Saudi Arabia*, *Slovakia*, *Slovenia*, *Spain*, *Sudan*, *Sweden*, *Switzerland<sub>4</sub>\*\**, *Tajikistan*, *Togo*, *Tunisia*, *Ukraine*, *United Arab Emirates*, *United Kingdom*, *Vietnam*, *Yemen\*\**

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

Of the sixty-six (66) countries allowing the sale of e-cigarettes, at least thirty-two (32) 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*, *Hungary*, *Iceland*, *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. The Global State of Tobacco Harm Reduction (GSTHR): <https://gsthr.org/>
3. Tobacco Control Laws: <https://www.tobaccocontrolaws.org/legislation>
4. WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (WHO EMRO) as of February 12, 2020 for all EMRO countries
5. 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

\*\*\*Appears to be “legitimized” only by being subject to tax laws

<sup>1</sup> Refers to sovereign states. Territories such as **Hong Kong**, which is has pending legislation for banning e-cigarettes, is not included

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

<sup>3</sup> Importation is not allowed without permit from the health ministry, use in public places is banned.

<sup>4</sup> A ban on sale was overturned by the courts as of Apr 2018 No information regarding appeal.