

# Comoros

## Tobacco Control Policies

Comoros became a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on April 24, 2006.

**Smoke Free Places:** The law prohibits smoking in many public places and workplaces, but allows designated smoking areas in certain public places and workplaces including offices, bars, restaurants, hotels, and cinemas. Smoking is prohibited in all forms of public transport. However, the legal measures are difficult to interpret due to inconsistencies and contradictory provisions in the law and implementing instruments. Therefore, the regulatory status code and analysis of the measures may be subject to several alternative interpretations.

**Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship:** The law bans most forms of tobacco advertising and promotion, but allows tobacco advertising and promotions at points of sale. Tobacco sponsorship is prohibited.

**Tobacco Packaging and Labeling:** The law requires two health warnings to appear on all outside packaging and labeling of smoked tobacco products. Additionally, the law allows but does not require adding a picture or pictogram warning to all smoked tobacco products. Smokeless tobacco products are subject to different warning requirements. The law does not require rotation or renewal of prescribed warnings.

**Tobacco Taxation and Prices:** The World Health Organization recommends raising tobacco excise taxes so that they account for at least 70 percent of retail prices. Tobacco excise taxes in Comoros are below these recommendations.

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENTS COMPLETE SMOKING BAN			
Health-care facilities	No	Private offices	No
Primary and secondary schools	Uncertain	Public transport	Yes
Universities	No	Restaurants	No
Governmental facilities	No	Bars and Pubs	No
Can subnational jurisdictions enact more stringent smoking restrictions?	Uncertain		
BANS ON TOBACCO ADVERTISING, PROMOTION, AND SPONSORSHIP			
Domestic TV and radio	Yes	Promotional discounts	Yes
Domestic magazines and newspapers	Yes	Non-tobacco products or services with tobacco brand names	Yes
Outdoor advertising	Yes	Tobacco products with non-tobacco brand names	Yes
Outdoor advertising (e.g., billboards, posters)	No	Paid placement in media	Yes
Retail product display	No	Financial sponsorship, including corporate social responsibility	Yes
Internet advertising	Yes	Publicity of sponsorships	Yes
Free distribution	Yes		
HEALTH WARNINGS ON SMOKED TOBACCO PRODUCTS			
Text warnings describe health impacts	Yes	Number of published warnings at any given time	1
Warnings include a picture or graphic	No	Warnings required to rotate	Not Required
% of principal display areas covered (front and back)	40%	Warnings are written in the principal language(s)	Yes
Front	40%	Ban on misleading packaging and labeling	Yes
Back	40%	Health warnings on smokeless tobacco products	No
TOBACCO TAXATION AND PRICE			
PRICE OF MOST SOLD BRAND, PACK OF 20 CIGARETTES		TAXES ON MOST SOLD BRAND (% OF RETAIL PRICE)	
In country currency	400.00 KMF	Total taxes	74%
In US dollars	0.96 USD	Total excise	63%

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