

Gabon

Tobacco Control Policies

Gabon became a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on May 21, 2009.

Smoke Free Places: Smoking is prohibited in many indoor public places, workplaces, and on means of public transport, except the law requires that designated smoking areas be created within certain places, including maritime and rail transport; airports; bus terminals, river terminals, maritime and rail terminals; hotels, beverage shops, discotheques, nightclubs, casinos, restaurants and supermarkets.

Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship: The law bans most forms of tobacco advertising and promotion. However, tobacco advertising and promotion is allowed within establishments selling tobacco products. All forms of financial or other tobacco sponsorship are prohibited.

Tobacco Packaging and Labeling: The law requires two combined text and picture health warnings to be displayed on 60 percent of the front and 65 percent of the back of each smoked tobacco product package. An Executive Order prescribing the health warnings has not yet been issued.

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 Gabon are well below these recommendations.

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENTS COMPLETE SMOKING BAN			
Health-care facilities	Yes	Private offices	No
Primary and secondary schools	Yes	Public transport	No
Universities	Yes	Restaurants	No
Governmental facilities	Yes	Bars and Pubs	No
Can subnational jurisdictions enact more stringent smoking restrictions?	Yes		
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	2
Warnings include a picture or graphic	Yes	Warnings required to rotate	Required
% of principal display areas covered (front and back)	62.5%	Warnings are written in the principal language(s)	Yes
Front	60%	Ban on misleading packaging and labeling	Yes
Back	65%	Health warnings on smokeless tobacco products	Yes
TOBACCO TAXATION AND PRICE			
PRICE OF MOST SOLD BRAND, PACK OF 20 CIGARETTES		TAXES ON MOST SOLD BRAND (% OF RETAIL PRICE)	
In country currency	1000.00 XAF	Total taxes	22%
In US dollars	1.81 USD	Total excise	8%

Sources:

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Tax: WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic, 2021. Available at: www.who.int/tobacco/global_report/en/

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