

Iraq

Tobacco Control Policies

Iraq became a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on June 15, 2008.

Smoke Free Places: Smoking is prohibited in specified types of public places. As a result, certain types of places that are not on the list - such as indoor stadiums and arenas, bus stations and train stations - may escape the smoking ban either intentionally or unintentionally. Smoking is prohibited on all public transportation.

Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship: The law prohibits virtually all forms of tobacco advertising and promotion. All forms of tobacco sponsorship are prohibited

Tobacco Packaging and Labeling: On cigarette packaging, the implementing standard requires text-only health warnings to cover 40 percent of the front surface and combined picture and text warnings to cover 40 percent of the back surface. While the law requires combined picture and text warnings to cover at least 30 percent of the front and back surfaces of all tobacco product packaging, the details of warnings required on packaging for products other than cigarettes are uncertain. Misleading cigarette packaging and labeling, including terms such as "light" and "low nicotine" and other signs, is prohibited.

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 Iraq are well below these recommendations.

SMOKE FREE ENVIRONMENTS COMPLETE SMOKING BAN			
Health-care facilities	Yes	Private offices	Yes
Primary and secondary schools	Yes	Public transport	No
Universities	Yes	Restaurants	Yes
Governmental facilities	Yes	Bars and Pubs	Yes
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)	Yes	Paid placement in media	Yes
Retail product display	Yes	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	9(f)/4(b)
Warnings include a picture or graphic	Yes	Warnings required to rotate	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	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	500.00 IQD	Total taxes	8%
In US dollars	0.42 USD	Total excise	0%

Sources:

SF, APS, PL: Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids Legal Website. Available at: www.tobaccocontrolaws.org

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

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