

# Suriname

## Tobacco Control Policies

Suriname became a Party to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on March 16, 2009.

**Smoke Free Places:** Smoking is banned in all indoor public places and workplaces and on all public transport. Smoking is also prohibited on the outdoor grounds of educational and childcare facilities. Sub-national jurisdictions may enact smoke free laws that are more stringent than the national law.

**Tobacco Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship:** All tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship is banned under the law.

**Tobacco Packaging and Labeling:** The law requires six warnings to be printed on at least 50 percent of the front and back of tobacco product packages. The warnings are required to be changed after 18 months. Although the packaging and labeling requirements apply to all tobacco products, the regulations only prescribe warning requirements for cigarettes. Misleading packaging and labeling, including the use of graphical indications, descriptions, 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 Suriname 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	Yes
Universities	Yes	Restaurants	Yes
Governmental facilities	Yes	Bars and Pubs	Yes
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)	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	6
Warnings include a picture or graphic	Yes	Warnings required to rotate	Required
% of principal display areas covered (front and back)	50%	Warnings are written in the principal language(s)	No
Front	50%	Ban on misleading packaging and labeling	Yes
Back	50%	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	45.00 SRD	Total taxes	27%
In US dollars	6.03 USD	Total excise	22%

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