



E-CIGARETTE BAN & REGULATION: GLOBAL STATUS as of February 2021

37 COUNTRIES¹ BAN SELLING OF E-CIGARETTES

The sale/distribution of e-cigarettes² is banned in the following thirty-seven (37) countries:

*Antigua and Barbuda**, *Argentina*, *Australia*, *Bhutan**, *Brazil*, *Brunei Darussalam*, *Cambodia*, *Colombia*, *Egypt*, *Ethiopia*, *Gambia*, *India*, *Iran*, *Japan***, *N. Korea**, *Kuwait*, *Lebanon*, *Mauritius*, *Mexico*, *Nepal*, *Nicaragua*, *Oman*, *Panama*, *Qatar*, *Seychelles*, *Singapore*, *Sri Lanka*, *Suriname*, *Syria*, *Thailand*, *Timor-Leste*, *Turkey**, *Turkmenistan*, *Uganda*, *Uruguay*, *Venezuela**, *Palestine****

73 COUNTRIES ALLOW SELLING OF E-CIGARETTES BUT PROVIDE SALES RESTRICTIONS/REGULATIONS

In seventy-three (73) countries that permit the sale of e-cigarettes, there are regulations around sale such as cross-border sale restrictions/regulations, restrictions in venues where they can be sold, access restrictions, or other restrictions:

Austria, *Azerbaijan*, *Bahrain*, *Barbados***, *Belarus*, *Belgium*, *Bulgaria*, *Canada*, *Chile**, *China**, *Costa Rica*, *Croatia*, *Cyprus*, *Czech Republic*, *Denmark*, *Ecuador*, *El Salvador*, *Estonia*, *Fiji*, *Finland*, *France*, *Georgia*, *Germany*, *Greece*, *Honduras*, *Hungary*, *Iceland*, *Indonesia**, *Ireland*, *Israel*, *Italy*, *Ivory Coast*, *Jamaica³*, *Jordan**, *S. Korea*, *Laos***, *Latvia*, *Liechtenstein**, *Lithuania*, *Luxembourg*, *Macedonia**, *Malaysia*, *Maldives*, *Malta*, *Moldova*, *Netherlands*, *New Zealand*, *Nigeria**, *Norway*, *Palau*, *Paraguay*, *Philippines*, *Poland*, *Portugal*, *Romania*, *San Marino**, *Saudi Arabia*, *Senegal*, *Serbia*, *Slovakia*, *Slovenia*, *South Africa*, *Spain*, *Sweden*, *Switzerland⁴*, *Tajikistan*, *Togo*, *Tunisia**, *Ukraine**, *United Arab Emirates**, *United Kingdom*, *United States*, *Vietnam*

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

Of the seventy-three (73) countries allowing the sale of e-cigarettes, at least thirty-six (36) 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:

Austria, *Belgium*, *Bulgaria*, *Canada*, *Croatia*, *Cyprus*, *Czech Republic*, *Denmark*, *Estonia*, *Finland*, *France*, *Germany*, *Greece*, *Hungary**, *Iceland*****, *Ireland*, *Israel*, *Italy*, *Latvia*, *Liechtenstein**, *Lithuania*, *Luxembourg*, *Malta*, *Moldova*, *Netherlands*, *Poland*, *Portugal*, *Romania*, *San Marino**, *Saudi Arabia*, *Slovakia*, *Slovenia*, *Spain*, *Sweden*, *Switzerland*, 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>
2. Tobacco Control Laws: <https://www.tobaccocontrolaws.org/legislation>
3. Information provided by country contacts
4. WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (WHO EMRO) as of February 12, 2020
5. The Global State of Harm Reduction (GSTHR): <https://gsthr.org/countries>. †

* Included based on information from *Burning issues: Global State of Tobacco Harm Reduction 2020*.

**Conflicting information found

*** Included based on information from *Tobacco Control Laws by Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids*.

**** Included based on information from the *Global Tobacco Control website*.

† GSTHR of Knowledge-Action-Change has been found to have links to the tobacco industry, having received funds from Foundation for a Smoke-Free World (FSFW), which is in turn wholly funded by Philip Morris International. For more information, see: <https://tobaccotactics.org/wiki/knowledge-action-change/>

¹ Refers to sovereign states. Territories such as **Hong Kong** is not included in this listing.

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

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

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