

## Opinion Response Form

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## **Part 1 : Basic information**

Which identity do you hold when responding to this opinion response form? (Please choose one option only)

<input type="checkbox"/> Professional bodies / academic institutions <input type="checkbox"/> Public sector <input type="checkbox"/> Industry association <input type="checkbox"/> Companies <input type="checkbox"/> Others	Name of company / association: _____ Address / Contact: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals	You are: <input type="checkbox"/> current smoker <input type="checkbox"/> ex-smoker <input type="checkbox"/> never-smoker  Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female  Age group: <input type="checkbox"/> 19 years old or below <input type="checkbox"/> 20-39 years old <input type="checkbox"/> 40-59 years old <input type="checkbox"/> 60 years old or above  Name: _____ Email Address: _____

## **Part 2 : Comments on the next-phase tobacco control strategy**

**Do you support further reducing the smoking prevalence in Hong Kong?**

- Support  
 Against, the reason is: \_\_\_\_\_ (end of questionnaire)

## **Part 3 : Comments on specific opinions in the consultation paper**

<b><i>Strategy I: Regulate Supply, Suppress Demand</i></b>
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### **Increase tobacco duty**

**Q1. At what pace do you think we should increase the tobacco duty to the 75% target recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO)?**

- Increase in a spate
- Increase gradually on an annual basis
- Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Q2. What you think we should do to ensure the tobacco duty remains at the target recommended by the WHO and prevent the price of tobacco products become cheaper due to inflation or income growth? For example: (Accept more than one answers)**

- Introduce a tobacco duty adjustment mechanism pegged to the WHO recommended level
- Introduce an inflation-linked tobacco duty adjustment mechanism
- Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Restrict sale and provision of tobacco products to persons of a specific age**

**Q3. The current legislation prohibits the sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of 18. Apart from prohibiting the sale of tobacco products, how should we ban other means of provision of tobacco products to persons under the minimum legal age of purchase? For example: (Accept more than one answers)**

- Ban the provision of tobacco products to persons under the minimum legal age of purchase (legal liability on the provider)
- Ban the possession of tobacco products by persons under the minimum legal age of purchase (legal liability on possessor)
- Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Q4. Do you agree to the suggestion of prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to persons born after a certain date?**

- Agree
- Do not agree  
(Reason: \_\_\_\_\_ )
- No comment

## Introduce more effective measures against illicit cigarettes

**Q5. Apart from the prevailing measures to combat illicit cigarette activities, how could we step up the enforcement against illicit cigarette trade activities? For example: (Accept more than one answers)**

- Require tobacco companies to take measures for distinguishing duty-paid and duty-not-paid tobacco products
- Raise the penalty for handling, possessing, selling or purchasing duty-not-paid tobacco products
- Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Prohibit the possession of alternative smoking products (ASPs)

**Q6. Which of the following measures do you agree with to further stop the circulation and use of ASPs in Hong Kong? For example: (Accept more than one answers)**

- Ban the possession of ASPs for any purposes
- Ban the use of ASPs in public areas (including all non-No Smoking Areas)
- Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

<b><i>Strategy II : Ban Promotion, Reduce Attractiveness</i></b>
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## Regulate the additives in tobacco products

**Q7. How should we regulate the additives in tobacco products so as to reduce their attractiveness? For example: (Accept more than one answers)**

- Ban the sale and import of all tobacco products with non-tobacco flavours (such as menthol, fruit and confectionery flavourings)
- Ban the sale and import of all tobacco products with non-tobacco additives (such as additives to reduce harshness of tobacco smoke on the throat)
- Limit the nicotine content in tobacco products
- Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Impose plain packaging requirement

**Q8. How to reduce the promotion effect by the packaging of tobacco products? For example: (Accept more than one answers)**

- Further enlarge the coverage of graphic health warnings
- Standardise the colour, design and fonts for all tobacco packaging (including brand and product names)
- Standardise the design of cigarettes (such as length, diameter, colour and shape)
- Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reduce the exposure of tobacco products at retail points

### Q9. How should we reduce the exposure of tobacco products at retail points? For example: (Accept more than one answers)

- Require tobacco products be stored out of sight and reach by the customers
- Strengthen measures to ensure compliance with various sales restrictions by tobacco retail points
- Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

<b><i>Strategy III: Expand NSAs, Mitigate Harm</i></b>
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## Expand statutory no smoking areas (NSAs)

### Q10. Which public places do you think we should expand the NSAs to? (Accept more than one answers)

- Areas with high pedestrian traffic or prolonged exposure, where it is difficult for individuals to evade second-hand smoke, such as footbridges and waiting areas of public transport facilities
- Specific areas near public or communal facilities frequently visited by the public, such as hospitals and schools
- Substantially expand NSAs to most of the public areas in Hong Kong
- Other places: \_\_\_\_\_

### Q11. Do you agree with banning “smoking while walking”? It may only have limited effect on reducing public’s exposure to second-hand smoke, if smoking on public streets is still permitted.

- Agree
- Do not agree  
(Reason: \_\_\_\_\_ )
- No comment

**Strengthen the management on tobacco-free premises**

**Q12. Do you agree with strengthening the management on tobacco-free premises?**

- Agree
- Do not agree  
(Reason: \_\_\_\_\_ )
- No comment

**Increase penalties under the Fixed Penalty (Smoking Offences) Ordinance**

**Q13. What do you think should be the level of fixed penalty for smoking in NSAs or public transport to achieve sufficient deterrent effect?**

- \$3,000
- \$5,000
- Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

***Strategy IV: Enhance Education, Support Cessation***

**Enhance smoking cessation services in the primary healthcare system**

**Q14. How should we enhance the smoking cessation services in the community through the community healthcare system? (Accept more than one answers)**

- Increase cessation service points
- Provide cessation services in District Health Centres with case management service
- Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Strengthen smoking cessation training for primary healthcare practitioners**

**Q15. How to enhance cessation trainings for primary healthcare professionals? How should we collaborate with healthcare training institutions and strengthen relevant trainings in the continuous healthcare training courses? (Accept more than one answers)**

- To include cessation trainings in all continuous healthcare training courses for primary healthcare professionals
- Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Support smoking cessation through mobile applications

### Q16. Do you agree that we should provide more tailor-made and personalised smoking cessation services and messages through mobile apps?

- Agree  
 Do not agree  
(Reason: \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 No comment

## Strengthen tobacco prevention education for students

### Q17. How do you think we should enhance the cooperation with the education sector to strengthen health education? (Accept more than one answers)

- To increase the content related to tobacco hazards in regular curriculums  
 Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 4 : Do you have further opinions to the consultation paper on tobacco control strategies?

**Thank you for your feedback.**

Upon completion of the “opinions response form”, please submit it to the Health Bureau by email or post on or before 30 September 2023.

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(Please state “**Submission of views for the Consultation on Tobacco Control Strategies**” )