

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ILLICIT TOBACCO TRADE
(ICITT)**

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS

July 30 to August 1, 2002.

1. Please provide any publicly available statistics (quantity and value) on production, imports, exports and consumption of cigarettes and other tobacco products from 1990 to the latest available year (please provide the source of the data).
2. Please provide detailed data on present national tax rates, and indicate the tax method and basis for calculation (e.g., specific taxes, per 1000 sticks, ad valorem 50% of ex-factory price, etc.) If sub-national tax rates are levied, please provide a range for those rates.
3. Which of the following best explains your country's greatest concern with illicit tobacco trade? Please rank these concerns in order of importance, where "1" is most important to you.
 - a. Smuggling (tax avoidance): _____.
 - b. Illicit manufacturing: _____.
 - c. Illicit transportation: _____.
 - d. Other: _____.

Explain:

4. Identify government agencies with primary jurisdiction to detect, prevent, and punish illicit trade and to ensure or enforce compliance with taxation of cigarettes and other tobacco products.
5. Identify government initiatives used to combat illicit trade in tobacco including laws prohibiting smuggling of cigarettes and other tobacco products and the counterfeiting cigarettes. What efforts are made to detect illicit trade? What sanctions exist? To what extent are they applied?
6. What are some major issues and trends related to illicit trade in tobacco? For instance, increased counterfeiting, lost tax revenues, increase in youth smoking prevalence, etc. Are there estimates of cigarette smuggling available in your country (percentage of cigarettes sold, year, and source)?
7. Has your government worked in cooperation with other governments, or formed bilateral agreements to specifically combat illicit tobacco diversion? Please explain these arrangements, and provide, if possible, a copy of the document to help guide others in learning from ongoing work.

8. Please identify a contact person to provide additional information:
 - a. Name:
 - b. Phone:
 - c. E-mail:
 - d. Fax:

Please submit responses to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, U.S. Treasury, in care of "ICITT" by facsimile 001, 202-927-8488, by July 1, 2002.