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Summary of Findings

1. Industry participation in policy development

The government does not accept, support or endorse any offer for assistance by or in collaboration with the tobacco industry in setting or implementing public health policies in relation to tobacco control. The government does not allow any tobacco industry representative in its delegation to the Conference of the Parties (COP) or its related meetings.

2. Industry CSR activities

The government is not allowed to form partnerships with or receive any contributions from the tobacco industry including corporate social responsibility (CSR)-related activities or contributions.

3. Benefits to the industry

The government does not give privileges, incentives, exemptions or benefits to the tobacco industry, nor allow any extension in the implementation of policy and legislation.

4. Unnecessary interaction

Top level government officials do not meet with/foster relations with tobacco companies or attend any social functions and other events sponsored or organized by tobacco companies.

5. Transparency

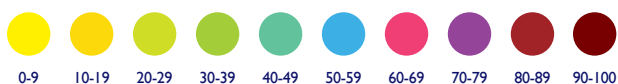
Any interactions with the tobacco industry in cases where such interactions are strictly necessary for regulation, must be conducted in a transparent manner to avoid any negative impressions and conflict of interest. No such interactions were held in 2020.

6. Conflict of interest

No retired senior government official forms any part of the tobacco industry, nor any current officials hold any positions with a tobacco company.

7. Preventive measures

A code of conduct (circular) was endorsed and circulated to all civil servants in November 2019. Any interactions with the tobacco industry and its representatives must be conducted in a transparent manner. The code disallows the acceptance of all forms of contributions/gifts from the tobacco industry including offers of assistance.





Brunei continues to implement the code of conduct applicable to all civil servants issued by the Prime Minister's Office that prohibits unnecessary interactions with the tobacco industry or its representatives, requires transparency in any necessary (regulatory) interaction with the tobacco industry and rejects partnerships with and funding or sponsorship from the tobacco industry.



Recommendations

A systematic monitoring and enforcement system must be put in place to ensure the implementation of measures to prevent tobacco industry interference as well as to improve any gaps identified.