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Progress on Tobacco Control and Follow-up to the International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution, including in the Marine Environment

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Tobacco Control Problems and Situation in Panama

Habanos y pipas ilegales son decomisados por el MINSA en el Casco Antiguo

Tairé Hall McTaggart 3 mayo, 2017 Casco Antiguo Decomiso MINSA Panamá



Decomisan gran cantidad de cigarrillos en Colón

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• Cigarrillos • Colón • Comercio Ilícito



De acuerdo a la documentación de embarque, supuestamente se transportaban juguetes, bambalinas, patinetas, muñecas, artículos de navidad, entre otras mercancías. Foto: Aduanas



Estos envíos violan el protocolo que busca la eliminación del comercio ilícito de productos del tabaco en su artículo 12.

Aduanas de Panamá ha incautado más de B/.25 millones en mercancía de contrabando



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Contrabando de cigarrillos, el millonario negocio del crimen organizado

En 2019, la Autoridad de Aduanas atendió 93 casos de contrabando de cigarrillos, cuyo valor CIF (carga, seguro y flete) era de \$6.5 millones. En 2022, fueron 310 casos por un valor de \$9.6 millones.

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Progress made in tobacco control in Panama

The Republic of Panama ratified the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in 2004 and passed the Tobacco Control Law in 2008.

- Through the collaboration of the Ministry of Health, the Gorgas Memorial Institute of Health Studies and various national institutions, research is being carried out to provide national scientific evidence to support decision-making.



6 National Legislative Framework Tobacco Control Laws and Regulations

Law 40 of July 7, 2004 "Whereby the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, approved by the fourth plenary session of the World Health Organization on May 21, 2003, is approved".

Law 13 of January 24, 2008 "Which adopts measures for the control of tobacco and its harmful effects on health".

Executive Decree 230 of May 6, 2008 "Which regulates Law 13 of January 24, 2008 and dictates other provisions".

Law 27 of July 1, 2016 "Whereby the Protocol for the Elimination of Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, adopted in Seoul, on November 12, 2012, is approved."

Law 315 of June 30, 2022 "Which prohibits the use, importation and commercialization of electronic nicotine delivery systems, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, tobacco heaters and other similar devices, with or without nicotine, in the Republic of Panama".

Resolution 3117 of December 19, 2022 "Which establishes the methods for the destruction and disposal. Final disposal of waste tobacco products, electronic systems, nicotine or not, heated tobacco and similar, seized, deteriorated, expired or that represent a risk to health and dictates other provisions".

Progress made in tobacco control in Panama

PARTE V: PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Artículo 18

Protection of the environment and human health

In fulfilling their obligations under this Convention, the Parties agree to pay due regard to the protection of the environment and human health in relation to the environment with respect to tobacco growing and the manufacture of tobacco products in their respective territories.

Convenio Marco de Control de Tabaco

Artículo 18

Elimination or destruction

Any tobacco, tobacco products or manufacturing equipment seized shall be destroyed, using environmentally friendly methods to the extent possible, or disposed of in accordance with national legislation.

Ley 27 de 1 de julio de 2016



MINISTERIO
DE SALUD

RESOLUCIÓN No. 3117
de 19 de Diciembre de 2022.

Que establece los métodos para la destrucción y la disposición final de los desechos de productos de tabaco, sistemas electrónicos administradores o no de nicotina, tabaco calentado y similares, decomisados, deteriorados, vencidos o que representen un riesgo a la salud y dicta otras disposiciones.

Artículo Octavo. Los costos que ocasione la actividad de tratamiento y disposición final descrita en esta Resolución serán cubiertos por la persona natural, jurídica, productor y/o distribuidor, infractora de la normativa vigente.

Artículo Noveno. Los productos de tabaco, los desechos de sistemas electrónicos administradores o no de nicotina, tabaco calentado y similares son considerados desechos peligrosos por lo tanto la destrucción de estos, debe ser realizada únicamente por empresas con permiso sanitario de operación vigente para las actividades de tratamiento y disposición final de desechos peligrosos o incineración de desechos peligrosos, según corresponda.



INC Process Follow-up - Panama Perspective



- Inclusion of health and environmental protection in a cross-cutting manner.
- Compliance with the National Regulatory Framework.
- Follow-up of international multilateral processes and instruments
- Establishment of an inter-institutional Consultative Board to strengthen the participation of all relevant institutions in the framework of the INC process.
- Awareness-raising models and generation of citizen awareness.



Annual rounds of Pictograms on cigarette packs

INC Process Follow-up - Panama Perspective

Proposal of the Republic of Panama

- **Prohibition** of the use of cigarette filters.
- **Tobacco industry responsibility** for the destruction and treatment of tobacco products due to seizure or spoilage.
- **Working table to evaluate the management of plastics generated by tobacco products and plastic waste** from electronic nicotine delivery systems, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, tobacco warmers and other similar devices, with or without nicotine.



CMCT - Article 5 *General obligations*

3. In establishing and implementing their public health policies relating to tobacco control, Parties shall act in a manner that protects such policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry, in accordance with national law.
4. The Parties shall cooperate in formulating proposals on measures, procedures and guidelines for the implementation of the Convention and the protocols to which they have acceded.





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Thank you for your attention

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