Country profile of Belgium

E-cigarettes laws

Selling e-cigarettes (containing nicotine) and control mechanisms

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<th>Sale of e-cigarettes</th>
<th>As tobacco products</th>
<th>As medicinal products</th>
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<td>ALLOWED</td>
<td>YES</td>
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General use and availability

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<th>Legal to use</th>
<th>Legal to sell e-cigarette device</th>
<th>Legal to sell nicotine</th>
<th>Legal to buy device online (personal use)</th>
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<td>YES</td>
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<th>Legal to buy nicotine online (personal use)</th>
<th>Legal to import device - trade</th>
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<td>NO</td>
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Advertising & promotion

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<th>Public advertising allowed in all Media</th>
<th>Are health claims allowed</th>
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Health

Minimum age restrictions on sales
YES 16+ [1,2,3]

Child & tamperproof containers required
YES [1,2,3]

Legal restrictions on vaping in public places
YES [1,2,3]

Health warning on packaging required
YES

Products

Notifications of new products required
YES [1,2,3]

Restrictions on tank size
YES [1,2,3]

Restrictions on nicotine content
YES [1,2,3]

Notes on methodology & limitations:
Data has been collected from a range of sources which are openly available online, such as vaping information/regulation websites & direct from country’s legislation where available. In a few instances information has been included which was received from individuals specialising in the field. The regulatory picture changes frequently and these data boxes show the situation at time of going to press. This website will be updated as/when new regulatory information is received. There are gaps in the data available - readers are invited to send in updated information to the GSTHR team.

E-cigarettes prevalence

Country vaping prevalence

Year of survey
2017 [1,2]

Currently vape - total adult population
4% [1,2]

Ever tried/ever vaped - total adult population
16% [1,2]

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Snus

Snus availability

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<th>Sale of Swedish snus</th>
<th>Legal to use snus</th>
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1. Tobacco Tactics website available at: http://tobaccotactics.org/index.php/Snus:_EU_Ban_on_Snus_Sales

Notes on methodology & limitations

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Heat-not-burn

Heat not burn products availability

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<th>Are HNB products marketed in this country?</th>
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Notes on methodology & limitations

Data has been collected from Industry sources online and from industry contacts. In addition to the listed countries, HNB products are also available in the Canary Islands, Turkish Cyprus, La Reunion & Curacao

Smoking

Tobacco smoking prevalence

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<th>Adult daily tobacco smoking prevalence</th>
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<th>Adult daily tobacco smoking prevalence (female)</th>
<th>Number of adult daily tobacco smokers</th>
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<td>17% [1,2]</td>
<td>17% [1,2]</td>
<td>15% [1,2]</td>
<td>1,574,880 [1,2]</td>
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2. Calculated using Eurobarometer QB1 for current smoking & QB4aT for gender & frequency of smoking any tobacco item.
### Mortality

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<th>% of all deaths attributable to tobacco use (male)</th>
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<th>Number of deaths attributable to tobacco smoking</th>
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<td>24%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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**Notes on methodology & limitations**

Much of the data for smoking prevalence is from WHO reports which are dated 2015 or 2017, however the data used within the WHO reports can be older than this. If more recent data is available we have included it where possible.

The data has been collected from a range of sources which are referenced, and are openly available online.

It should be noted that there are inconsistencies in survey methods from one country to another e.g. age range, sample size or year survey completed. Where these are known a note provides details.

Country and territory profiles are included in GSTHR country profiles e.g. China mainland and also Hong Kong.: Prevalence estimates refer to adults aged 15 and over, except where noted. Smoking prevalence estimates are age standardised.