WORKSHOP
HEALT TAX POLICIES

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FISCAL TOPICS

- Current tax structure on tobacco products
- Tobacco control
CURRENT TAX STRUCTURE ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS

- Taxes and levies applied:
  - For import tobacco products:
    - Import Duty (Invoerrecht)
    - Statistic Levy (Statistiekrecht)
    - Consent Levy (Consentrecht)
    - Excise Tax (Accijnzen)
    - Value Added Tax
  - For locally produced tobacco products:
    - Excise Tax
    - Value Added Tax
Import Duty

- Import Duty tariff of 50% of the CIF-value
- No Import Duty applied on tobacco products originated from Caricom-member countries according to the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas
Statistic Levy of 0.5% of the CIF-value

No Statistic Levy applied on tobacco products originated from CARICOM-member countries according to the Statistic Levy Act
CONSENT LEVY

- Consent Levy of 1.5% of the CIF-value
- No Consent Levy applied on tobacco products originated from CARICOM-member countries, according to the General Decision no. 215 of the Foreign Exchange Commission
VALUE ADDED TAX

- VAT tariff of 10 %
- For import 10 % of the CIF-value and all other Customs Duties
- For locally produced 10 % of the price of the product
EXCISE TAX

- Suriname has a simple and uniform specific excise structure or system

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- In 2006 excise increased with 100 %
- In 2011 with 50% (last raised)
WHO / PAHO RECOMMENDATION

- According to WHO / PAHO Suriname has one of the best excise tax structures or systems in the region, namely a simple and uniform specific excise structure or system.
- Easy to implement and manage: only volume and not the value needs to be determined.
- Revenues are easier to predict, more stable and less dependent on tobacco industry pricing strategies.
Imported and locally produced tobacco products are controlled and investigated by Customs.

At import 2 inspections:
- by Customs
- By Port Control Unit (PCU)

3rd inspection done by the Excise Control Unit in the field: inspection of whole sale and retail shops on legal regulations such as health warnings, tax stamps or markers on packaging, corresponding import documents and tax payment receipts.
EXCISE STAMPS
INDUSTRY INTERFERENCE