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Defending our industry



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FCTC Illicit Trade Protocol



World Health Organization



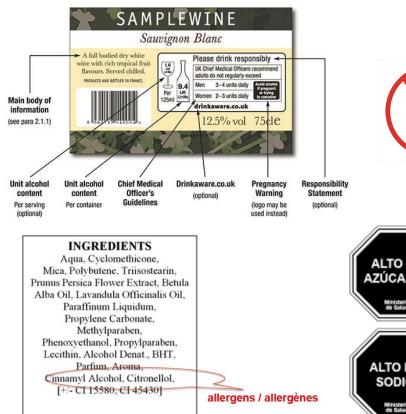
- Illicit Trade Protocol (ITP) Legally binding protocol to the Framework Convention of Tobacco Control (FCTC)
- ITP clause calls for study into "the extent to which" duty free contributes to illicit trade
- Positive engagement by MEADFA, particularly in Africa, contributed to the decision taken by the WHO not to initiate a study at this time



Enhancing Regional Advocacy

- Decision taken at WHO MOP1 in Geneva in October to delay the study for at least 2 years, and maybe longer
- However, Parties will introduce other provisions of the Protocol over the coming years, including track and trace, licensing, etc.
- Essential MEADFA intensifies its engagement with governments across the region to recognise the unique nature of the duty free retail channel
- Enhancing advocacy capability now will allow industry to address future challenges in the region

Increasing demands on product information





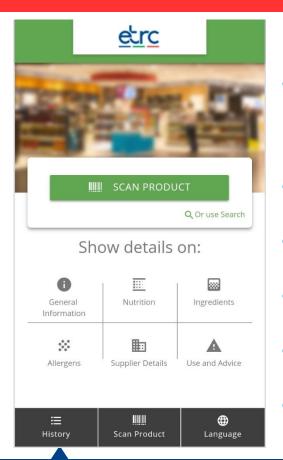








Advocating for digital labelling as a compliance tool



ETRC Pilot for a digital platform on product information

- Cross-category approach: Confectionery, Alcohol, Fragrances & Cosmetics
- Multilingual platform
- Focus on regulatory information
- Data entry by suppliers into data pool
- Barcode scanner or manual search option
- Easy format for consumers



Preserving the shopping experience against constant threats





Thank you



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