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STOLT: For fire år siden kunne Bent Høie stolt presentere designet til de standardiserte tobakkspakkene. Året etter ble pakkene påbudt. Foto: Vidar Ruud/NTB

# Disposisjon

- Tobacco and e-cigarette prevalence in Norway
- Challenges in Norwegian tobacco policy
- Proposed amendments to the Norwegian Tobacco Control Act with our comments

# Tobacco use in Norway in 2020 (Statistics Norway)

#### Total population 16-74-yrs:

- Daily smoking 9%
- Occasional smoking 8%
- Daily snus 13% (m 19% f 7%)
- Occasional snus 4% (m 6% f 3%)

Daily smoking by lewel of education

Lowest: 23%

Highest: 5%

#### Young people 16-24 yrs:

- Daily smoking 1% (m 2% f 1%)
- Occasional smoking 14% (m 17% f 12%)
- Daily snus 18% (m 22% f 14%)
- Occasional snus 8% (m 9% f 6%)

# E-cigarette use in Norway in 2020 (Statistics Norway)

#### Total population 16-74-yrs:

- Daily 1,2%
- Occasional 2,1%

Young people 16-24 yrs:

- Daily 1,4% (2016-2020 overall)
- Occasional 4,8% (2016-2020 overall)

## Main challenges

- «Tobacco not a problem anymore» (a myth)
- Tobacco cessation under funded
- Tobacco Industry Interference (Norway is naive)
- FCTC art. 5.3 / guidelines not implemented
- Cross border sales and tax-free
- Politicians and trading industry campaigning for redused taxes (they already succeded once with a 25% reduction for snus from Jan 2021!)
- Loopholes in regulation against tobacco advertising
- Young people targeted in SoMe
- New products

## Public consultation untill 22 Sep

#### Proposed amendments to the Norwegian Tobacco Control Act

Helse- og omsorgsdepartementet

#### **HØRINGSNOTAT**

22. juni 2021

Forslag om endringer i tobakksskadeloven med forskrifter (strengere regulering av esigaretter og utvidet røykeforbud mv.)

Høringsfrist: 22. september 2021

#### Focus on

- New products (e-cigarettes etc.)
- Smoke-free outdoor areas
- (Speciality stores)
- Minimum size for snus
- Continued ban on hookah tobacco

Ministry of Health and Care Services:

• Prohibition of characteristic tastes in electronic cigarettes etc.

• 25 years age limit for *e-cigarettes* 

Norwegian Cancer Society:

- We support this
- Ban characteristic tastes in snus as well!
- We support this
- Raise the age limit for *tobacco/snus* to a minimum of 20 years!
- Standardized packaging for ecigarettes

Ministry of Health and Care Services:

#### Smoking bans

- in outdoor areas for public transport
- in outdoor areas mainly intended for sports
- in outdoor playgrounds where the public has access
- in private vehicles with children under 18 present



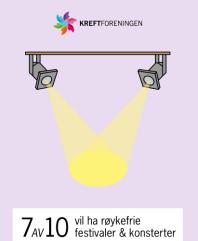
Norwegian Cancer Society:

• We support this

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# Smoking bans

Norwegian Cancer Society:

Corresponding regulations must also apply to

- outdoor restaurants/cafes
- public beaches
- outdoor concert and festival areas

Ministry of Health and Care Services:

 Smoking ban in common areas connected to several housing units



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Norwegian Cancer Society:

- We support this
- But we do reccomend an amendment of the law which includes both common areas and in certain cases also private areas

#### Ministry of Health and Care Services:

Speciality stores
nothing concrete from the Ministry,

only ideas for various solutions

- Minimum sizes and weights for snus:
- Snus must contain at least
  20 portions or at least
  30 grams of loose snus
- Continued ban on hookah tobacco

#### Norwegian Cancer Society:

- Ban specialty stores that do not have a fixed sales address, ie typical pop-up stores. Incl. temporary sales at festivals, concerts and the like
- Ban new tobacco speciality stores and limit sales of new nicotine products to speciality stores. Regulate design etc.
- *Both* a minimum size of the snus portions *and* a minimum number of portions should be set, as well as a minimum weight for loose snus
- We support this

# Other comments from the Norwegian Cancer Society

to the public consultation

• Introduce FCTC Article 5.3 in the Tobacco Control Act to prevent interference and influence from the tobacco industry in public health policy

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# Other comments from the Norwegian Cancer Society to the public consultation

- Tighten regulation for marketing and advertising of tobacco and nicotine products
- Specify in the law that the advertising ban also includes social media.
- Ban online sales

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