Dear SRNT Members,

We hope that the content of this month’s Policy Research Network Bulletin is interesting and useful. This bulletin is created by our Communications Committee. If you are interested in contributing to this Bulletin, please contact Minal Patel.

POLICY-RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS IN NICOTINE & TOBACCO RESEARCH (Nov/Dec 2018)

- Are the same health warnings effective across different countries? An experimental study in seven countries
- Cigarette smoking and secondhand smoke exposure before and after a tobacco-free Olympic policy period: Qingdao, China
- Home health and community care workers’ occupational exposure to second-hand smoke: A rapid literature review
- Indexation of tobacco excise and customs duty and smoking prevalence among Australian adults, 2001-2010: A serial cross-sectional study
- Is smoking cessation in young adults associated with tobacco retailer availability in their activity space?
- Neighborhood differences in alternative tobacco product availability and advertising in New York City: Implications for health disparities
- Sales trends in price-discounted cigarettes, large cigars, little cigars, and cigarillos – United States, 2011-2016
- The 2016 Tips from Former Smokers campaign: Associations with quit intentions and quit attempts among smokers with and without mental health conditions
- Youth access to tobacco products in the United States: Findings from Wave 1 (2013-2014) of the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) study

CONSULTATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

CURRENTLY OPEN

- US:
  - Eliminating Youth E-Cigarette and Other Tobacco Product Use: The Role for Drug Therapies
  - Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: National Quitline Data Warehouse
  - Solicitation for Written Comments on Proposed Objectives for Healthy People 2030
  - Modified Tobacco Product Applications – Camel Snus Smokeless Products
  - Modified Tobacco Product Applications – iQOS.

RECENTLY CLOSED

- UK: Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018
- US:
  - Annual Submission of the Ingredients Added to, and the Quantity of Nicotine Contained in, Smokeless Tobacco Manufactured, Imported, or Packaged in the U.S. Closed October 22.
List of Ingredients Added to Tobacco in the Manufacture of Cigarette Products. Closed October 22.

Tobacco Health Document Submissions. Closed October 22.

Demonstrating Substantial Equivalence for Tobacco Products. Closed November 5.

Exemptions from Substantial Equivalence Requirements for Tobacco Products. Closed November 13.

Tobacco Products, User Fees, Requirements for the Submission of Data Needed to Calculate User Fees for Domestic Manufacturers and Importers of Tobacco Products. Closed November 13.

OTHER POLICY-RELEVANT NEWS AND SIGNIFICANT NEW POLICIES

REPORTS

- NEW ZEALAND: Briefing on achieving the Smokefree 2025 goal for New Zealand
- US: Tobacco product use among adults – United States, 2017

TAXES

- MALAYSIA: Cigarette prices to go up soon
- NIGERIA: Tobacco Control Alliance seeks 70% tax increase
- UAE: UAE records high compliance with tobacco and fizzy drinks tax

E-CIGARETTES, HEAT-NOT-BURN, AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS

- INDIA: Government advisory on e-cigarette ban not binding on states: Delhi HC
- INDONESIA: JUUL sounds out Indonesia for expansion, other Asian counties in its sights
- US FDA Press Announcements:
  - Statement from FDA on agency's efforts to address youth e-cigarette use, including potential new therapies to support cessation
  - Statement from FDA on improving efficiency, transparency of tobacco product application review process
  - Statement from FDA on meetings with industry related to addressing rising epidemic rates in youth e-cigarette use
  - Results from 2018 National Youth Tobacco Survey show dramatic increase in e-cigarette use among youth over the past year
  - Statement from FDA on proposed new steps to protect youth by preventing access to flavored tobacco products and banning menthol in cigarettes
  - FDA warns company for selling e-liquids that resemble kid-friendly foods

Other US News:

- Altria to stop selling some e-cigarette brands that appeal to youths
- As vaping surges, teen cigarette smoking ticks up after decades of decline
- JUUL boosts lobbying spending by 167 percent
- JUUL’s social media resonates alarmingly with teens
- JUUL’s new product: Less nicotine, more intense vapor
- JUUL will stop selling most e-cigarette flavors in stores and halt social media promotions
- New York to ban flavored e-cigarettes next year

TOBACCO ADVERTISING AND PACKAGING

- GHANA: Tobacco products to bear pictorial health warnings from November 1
- ISRAEL: Israel to ban logos, visual branding on cigarette packs
- MAURITTIUS: Smoking: Plain tobacco packaging introduced in June 2019 (French)
- SINGAPORE: Singapore to introduce plain packaging, larger graphic warnings for all tobacco products
- THAILAND: Thailand to be Asia’s first to enforce plain cigarette packs
- TURKEY: Turkey adopts plain packaging law

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• **US:** Court-ordered ‘corrective statements’ to appear on cigarette boxes

**ANTISMOKING CAMPAIGNS, SMOKEFREE AND CESSATION**
• **MALAYSIA:** Malaysia to ban smoking at all eateries from January 1
• **NEW ZEALAND:** Regulatory impact statement: Regulation of smokeless tobacco and nicotine-delivery products
• **SCOTLAND:** Smoking banned in Scottish prisons
• **SWEDEN:** Sweden moves to ban outdoor smoking

**TOBACCO INDUSTRY**
• **INTERNATIONAL:** Altria in takeover talks with cannabis firm Cronos
• **INTERNATIONAL:** Tobacco giant Philip Morris launches anti-smoking campaign
• **INTERNATIONAL:** Pricing boost helps Philip Morris quarterly results to beat estimates
• **JAPAN:** Philip Morris aims to revive Japan sales with cheaper heat-not-burn tobacco
• **US:** Altria is said to be seeking a stake in JUUL
• **US:** JUUL lobs second round of suits against e-cigarette rivals

**OTHER NICOTINE AND TOBACCO NEWS**
• **EU:** EU court stands by ban on Swedish tobacco product ‘snus’
• **FINLAND:** Finnish Medical Association seeks total ban on snus tobacco
• **SOUTH AFRICA:** R10 illegal cigarette pack becomes SA’s top seller
• **UK:** Exiting the European Union: Draft statutory instruments for tobacco and nicotine inhaling products
• **US:** California lawmakers propose ban on sale of flavored tobacco products, including those used in e-cigarettes

**SRNT ANNUAL MEETING 2019**
• **POLICY RESEARCH NETWORK SYMPOSIUM: ADVANCING THE TOBACCO ENGAME**
  Thursday, February 21, 2019, 10:00-11:30 AM
  This session will include presentations of new research on the tobacco endgame by:
  - Dr. Richard Edwards
  - Dr. Geoffrey Fong
  - Dr. Robert Schwartz
  - Dr. Tracy Smith
  - Dr. David Timberlake
  Dr. Joanna Cohen will lead a discussion about the implications of this evidence in the context of developing and enhancing tobacco endgame strategies.

• **POLICY RESEARCH NETWORK MEETING**
  Wednesday, February 20, 2019 from 2:15pm-3:15pm

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