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Abbreviations

CN Combined nomenclature

DALY Disability-adjusted life year

DKr Danish krone

EU European Union

FINI Food Insecurity and Nutrition Incentives

GAP Global Action Plan on Noncommunicable Diseases

HIP Health Incentive Pilot

ICN2 2nd International Conference on Nutrition

MRA Mauritius Revenue Authority

NCD Noncommunicable disease

OECD Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

PAHO Pan American Health Organization

PHPT Public health product tax

SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programme

SSB Sugar-sweetened beverage

USA United States of America

VAT Value added tax

WHO World Health Organization



Glossary

Ad valorem tax:

Method for charging a duty, fee, or tax according to the value of goods and services, instead of by a fixed rate, or by weight or quantity.

Fiscal policy:

A government's revenue (taxation) and spending policy. This report focuses on non-trade related taxes and subsidies related to food, as non-discriminatory fiscal policy approaches.

Noncommunicable diseases:

Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) – also known as chronic diseases – are not passed from person to person. They are of long duration and, generally, slow progression. The four main types of NCDs are: cardiovascular diseases (such as heart attacks and stroke); cancers; chronic respiratory diseases (such as chronic obstructed pulmonary disease and asthma); and diabetes.

Non-sugar sweetener:

A food additive (other than a mono- or disaccharide sugar), which imparts a sweet taste to a food. Technological purposes for this functional class includes: sweetener, intense sweetener, bulk sweetener. It should be noted that products like sugars, honey and other food ingredients that can be used to sweeten are not associated with the term "sweetener".

Nutrient profiling:

The science of classifying or ranking foods according to their nutritional composition for reasons related to preventing disease and promoting health.

Price elasticity of demand:

The degree to which demand for a good or service varies with its price.

Regressivity:

The extent to which the burden of a tax is higher for people on lower incomes, and/or represents a smaller percentage of a higher income earner.

Specific excise:

A set amount of tax charged on a given amount of product.

Substitution:

An effect caused by a rise in price that induces a consumer (whose income has remained the same) to buy more of a relatively lower-priced good and less of a higher-priced one.

Sugar-sweetened beverages:

Sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) are beverages containing added caloric sweeteners, such as sucrose, high-fructose corn syrup, or fruit-juice concentrates. These include, but are not limited to, carbonates, fruit drinks, sports drinks, energy and vitamin water drinks, sweetened iced tea, and lemonade.

Value-added tax:

Tax on each stage of production that adds value to a product or process.

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