

# Cigarettes in North Macedonia

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Retail volume sales continue to decline in line with falling smoking prevalence  
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Promotional deals in Greek duty-free stores contribute to increase in illicit trade

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