

EXCLUSIONARY CRITERION

TOBACCO

Forum ETHIBEL position statement

There is overwhelming evidence that the use of tobacco products causes serious health problems. Various data from the World Health Organisation indicate that tobacco kills six million people each year. Up to half of tobacco users die as a direct result of tobacco use. In addition to the risks to tobacco users' health, tobacco production and use also causes other problems:

- **Second-hand tobacco smoke exposure** causes more than 600 000 premature deaths per year.
- **Child labour** in tobacco farms in Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Malawi and Zimbabwe.
- **Tobacco companies lobbying**, aimed at influencing public health legislation, advertising and marketing laws, as well as scientific opinion.
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Given these facts, Forum ETHIBEL has decided to treat tobacco as an exclusionary criterion.

Eligibility

Exclusion criterion	Sub-category	Not eligible	Case-by-case	Eligible
Tobacco	Production of core tobacco products	Always	/	0%
	Production of secondary (ancillary) tobacco products	>10%	5-10%	0-5%
	Distribution of tobacco products	>10%	5-10%	0-5%

Definitions

Production of core tobacco products	Leaf tobacco, (e-) cigarettes, cigars, hand rolling tobacco, pipe snuff and chewing tobacco.
Production of secondary (ancillary) tobacco products	Production of products that do not contain tobacco themselves, but are specifically manufactured to be used in the consumption of tobacco products. E.g. tobacco sorting machines, filters, pipes, cigarette paper.
Distribution of core tobacco products	Distribution of leaf tobacco, (e-) cigarettes, cigars, hand rolling tobacco, pipe snuff and chewing tobacco.