

### The future of the sweetened beverages tax in Portugal

In 2017, the Portuguese Government created the special consumption tax levied on sweetened beverages.<sup>1</sup> This tax is divided into two tiers: drinks with sugar contents below 80 g/L of final product (charged at €8.22 per 100L) are the lower tier and those above 80 g/L of final product (charged at €16.46 per 100L) are the upper tier. During the first year of implementation, this tax collected about 80 million Euros and all revenue was invested towards the Portuguese National Health Service funding.

To evaluate the effect of this tax, the Portuguese Government created an interministerial taskforce,<sup>2</sup> to study changes in consumption patterns, industry offering, reformulation of existing products, launch of new products, and competitiveness of

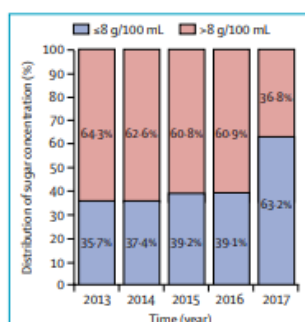


Figure: Distribution of the sugar concentration (g/100 mL) in sweetened beverages consumed in Portugal

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promote product reformulation by the industry given its more progressive nature and the incentive for companies to shift their products towards lower taxation tiers. They recommended adding two additional taxation tiers and increasing the amount levied on the tier

academics must collaborate to establish a flexible environment in which health policies can adapt to increasing health challenges effectively and efficiently.

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