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INTRODUCTION

The Annual Synar Report (ASR) format provides the means for States to comply with the reporting provisions of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x-26) and the Tobacco Regulation for the SAPT Block Grant (45 C.F.R. 96.130 (e)).

Public reporting burden for the collection of information is estimated to average 15 hours for Section I and 3 hours for Section II, including the time for reviewing instructions, completing and reviewing the collection of information, searching existing data sources, and gathering and maintaining the data needed. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer; Paperwork Reduction Project; 1 Choke Cherry Road, 7th Floor Rockville, Maryland 20857.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this project is 0930-0222 with an expiration date of 05-31-2013.

How the Synar report helps the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

In accordance with the tobacco regulations, States are required to provide detailed information on progress made in enforcing youth tobacco access laws (FFY 2011 Compliance Progress) and future plans to ensure compliance with the Synar requirements to reduce youth tobacco access rates (FFY 2012 Intended Use Plan). These data are required by 42 U.S.C. 300x-26 and will be used by the Secretary to evaluate State compliance with the statute. Part of the mission of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is to assist States¹ by supporting Synar activities and providing technical assistance helpful in determining the type of enforcement measures and control strategies that are most effective. This information is helpful to CSAP in improving technical assistance resources and expertise on enforcement efforts and tobacco control program support activities, including State Synar Program support services, through an enhanced technical assistance program involving conferences and workshops, development of training materials and guidance documents, and onsite technical assistance consultation.

How the Synar report can help States

The information gathered for the Synar report can help States describe and analyze substate needs for program enhancements. These data can also be used to report to the State legislature and other State and local organizations on progress made to date in enforcing youth tobacco access laws when aggregated statistical data from State Synar reports can demonstrate to the Secretary the national progress in reducing youth tobacco access problems. This information will also provide Congress with a better understanding of State progress in implementing Synar, including State difficulties and successes in enforcing retailer compliance with youth tobacco access laws.

¹The term "State" is used to refer to all the States and territories required to comply with Synar as part of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program requirements (42 U.S.C. 300x-64 and 45 C.F.R. 96.121).

Getting assistance in completing the Synar report

If you have questions about programmatic issues, you may call CSAP's Division of State Programs at (240) 276-2413 and ask for your respective State Project Officer, or contact your State Project Officer directly by telephone or email using the directory provided in the FY 2012 Uniform Application, Appendix A. If you have questions about fiscal or grants management issues, you may call the Grants Management Officer, Office of Program Services, Division of Grants Management, at (240) 276-1422.

Where and when to submit the Synar report

The Annual Synar Report (ASR) must be received by SAMHSA no later than December 31, 2012. The ASR must be submitted in the **approved OMB report format**. Use of the approved format will avoid delays in the review and approval process. The chief executive officer (or an authorized designee) of the applicant organization must sign page 1 of the ASR certifying that the State has complied with all reporting requirements.

The State must upload one copy of the ASR using the online WebBGAS (Block Grant Application System). In addition, the following items must be uploaded to WebBGAS:

- FFY 2012 Synar Survey Results: States that use the Synar Survey Estimation System (SSES) must upload one copy of SSES Tables 1–5 (in Excel) to WebBGAS. States that do not use SSES must upload one copy of ASR Forms 1, 4, and 5, and Forms 2 and 3, if applicable, (in Excel) to WebBGAS.
- Synar Inspection Form: States must upload one blank copy of the inspection form used to record the result of each Synar inspection.
- Synar Inspection Protocol: States must upload a copy of the protocol used to train inspection teams on conducting and reporting the results of the Synar inspections.

Each State SSA Director has been emailed a login ID and password to log onto the Synar section of the WebBGAS site.

Additionally, the State must submit one signed original of the report (including the signed Funding Agreements/Certifications), as well as one additional copy of the signed Funding Agreements/Certifications, to the Grants Management Officer at the address below:

Grants Management Officer
Office of Program Services
Division of Grants Management
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Regular Mail:

1 Choke Cherry Road, Rm.7-1091
Rockville, Maryland 20857

Overnight Mail:

1 Choke Cherry Road, Rm.7-1091
Rockville, Maryland 20850

FFY 2012: FUNDING AGREEMENTS/CERTIFICATIONS

The following form must be signed by the Chief Executive Officer or an authorized designee and submitted with this application. Documentation authorizing a designee must be attached to the application.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ACT AND SYNAR AMENDMENT

42 U.S.C. 300x-26 requires each State to submit an annual report of its progress in meeting the requirements of the Synar Amendment and its implementing regulation (45 C.F.R. 96.130) to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. By signing below, the chief executive officer (or an authorized designee) of the applicant organization certifies that the State has complied with these reporting requirements and the certifications as set forth below.

SYNAR SURVEY SAMPLING METHODOLOGY

The State certifies that the Synar survey sampling methodology on file with the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and submitted with the Annual Synar Report for FFY 2012 is up-to-date and approved by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

SYNAR SURVEY INSPECTION PROTOCOL

The State certifies that the Synar Survey Inspection Protocol on file with the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and submitted with the Annual Synar Report for FFY 2012 is up-to-date and approved by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

State: Vermont

Name of Chief Executive Officer or Designee: Partick Flood

Signature of CEO or Designee:

Title: Deputy Secretary

Date Signed:

If signed by a designee, a copy of the designation must be attached.

SECTION I: FFY 2011 (Compliance Progress)

YOUTH ACCESS LAWS, ACTIVITIES, AND ENFORCEMENT

42 U.S.C. 300x-26 requires the States to report information regarding the sale/distribution of tobacco products to individuals under age 18.

1. Please indicate any changes or additions to the State tobacco statute(s) relating to youth access since the last reporting year. If any changes were made to the State law(s) since the last reporting year, please attach a photocopy of the law to the hard copy of the ASR and also upload a copy of the State law to WebBGAS. (see 42 U.S.C. 300x-26).

a. Has there been a change in the *minimum sale age* for tobacco products?

Yes No

If Yes, current minimum age: 19 20 21

b. Have there been any changes in State law that impact the State's *protocol for conducting Synar inspections*? Yes No

If Yes, indicate change. (Check all that apply.)

Changed to require that law enforcement conduct inspections of tobacco outlets

Changed to make it illegal for youth to possess, purchase or receive tobacco

Changed to require ID to purchase tobacco

Other change(s) *(Please describe.)* _____

c. Have there been any changes in the law concerning *vending machines*?

Yes No

If Yes, indicate change. (Check all that apply.)

Total ban enacted

Banned from location(s) accessible to youth

Locking device or supervision required

Other change(s) *(Please describe.)* _____

d. Have there been any changes in State law that impact the following?

Licensing of tobacco vendors Yes No

Penalties for sales to minors Yes No

2. Describe how the Annual Synar Report (see 45 C.F.R. 96.130(e)) and the State Plan (see 42 U.S.C. 300x-51) were made public within the State prior to submission of the ASR. (Check all that apply.)

Placed on file for public review

Posted on a State agency Web site *(Please provide exact Web address.)*

<http://healthvermont.gov/adap/adap.aspx>

- Notice published in a newspaper or newsletter
- Public hearing
- Announced in a news release, a press conference, or discussed in a media interview
- Distributed for review as part of the SAPT Block Grant application process
- Distributed through the public library system
- Published in an annual register
- Other (Please describe.) _____

3. Identify the following agency or agencies (see 42 U.S.C. 300x-26 and 45 C.F.R. 96.130).

a. The State agency(ies) designated by the Governor for oversight of the Synar requirements:

Vermont Agency of Human Services, Department of Health

Has this changed since last year's Annual Synar Report? Yes No

b. The State agency(ies) responsible for conducting random, unannounced Synar inspections:

Vermont Department of Liquor Control

Has this changed since last year's Annual Synar Report? Yes No

c. The State agency(ies) responsible for enforcing youth tobacco access law(s):

Vermont Department of Liquor Control

Has this changed since last year's Annual Synar Report? Yes No

4. Identify the State agency responsible for tobacco prevention activities (the agency that receives the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Tobacco Control Program funding).

Vermont Department of Health, Tobacco Control Program

Has the responsible agency changed since last year's Annual Synar Report?

Yes No

a. Describe the coordination and collaboration that occur between the agency responsible for tobacco prevention and the agency responsible for oversight of the Synar requirements. (Check all that apply.) The two agencies

- Are the same
- Have a formal written memorandum of agreement
- Have an informal partnership
- Conduct joint planning activities
- Combine resources
- Have other collaborative arrangement(s) (Please describe.) _____

5. Please answer the following questions regarding the State’s activities to enforce the youth access to tobacco law(s) in FFY 2011 (see 42 U.S.C. 300x-26 and 45 C.F.R. 96.130(e)).

a. Which one of the following describes the enforcement of youth access to tobacco laws carried out in your State? (Check one category only.)

- Enforcement is conducted exclusively by local law enforcement agencies.
- Enforcement is conducted exclusively by State agency(ies).
- Enforcement is conducted by both local and State agencies.

b. The following items concern penalties imposed for violations of youth access to tobacco laws by **LOCAL AND/OR STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**. Please fill in the number requested. If State law does not allow for an item, please mark “NA” (not applicable). If a response for an item is unknown, please mark “UNK.” The chart must be filled in completely.

PENALTY	OWNERS	CLERKS	TOTAL
Number of citations issued	61	107	168
Number of fines assessed	61	107	168
Number of permits/licenses suspended	46		46
Number of permits/licenses revoked	0		0
Other (Please describe.) N/A	0	0	0

c. Which one of the following best describes the level of enforcement of youth access to tobacco laws carried out in your State? (Check one category only.)

- Enforcement is conducted only at those outlets randomly selected for the Synar survey.
- Enforcement is conducted only at a subset of outlets not randomly selected for the Synar survey.
- Enforcement is conducted at a combination of outlets randomly selected for the Synar survey and outlets not randomly selected for the Synar survey.

d. Did every tobacco outlet in the State receive at least one enforcement compliance check in the last year?

- Yes
- No

e. What additional activities are conducted in your State to support enforcement and compliance with State tobacco access law(s)? (Check all that apply.)

- Merchant education and/or training
- Incentives for merchants who are in compliance (e.g., nonenforcement compliance checks in which compliant retailers are given positive reinforcement and noncompliant retailers are warned about youth access laws)
- Community education regarding youth access laws

- Media use to publicize compliance inspection results
- Community mobilization to increase support for retailer compliance with youth access laws
- Other activities (*Please list.*) *Please see below.*

Briefly describe all checked activities:

The Vermont 2010 and 2011 Tobacco Control Work Plan (available at <http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/tobacco/documents/TCWPFY10-11.pdf>), describes strategies aimed at compliance with Vermont's youth access laws. Other strategies focus on youth and tobacco use that compliment efforts to eliminate access to tobacco products among minors (youth less than 18 years old). We have provided some examples below for your review.

Vermont has several state laws to restrict youth access to tobacco. These laws include the following restrictions:

- Youth Access Act that prohibits sale to minors under 18
- Prohibition of use of tobacco on school grounds
- Ban on cigarette machines
- Placement of cigarettes behind the retail counter
- Ban on sales of single cigarettes or packs with fewer than 20
- Prohibition of the sale of bidis
- Mandatory training of tobacco retailers
- Teen access to the Quit Line
- Tobacco tax increase
- Smoke free workplace
- Clean indoor air – smoke free public places

Examples of relevant activities related to youth access laws:

1. Broad-based community coalitions in 17 communities as well as 64 youth coalitions receive grants each year engaged in a wide range of work including:

- Engaging youth in designing interventions to address tobacco use.
- Promoting voluntary policies that reduce/restrict tobacco advertising/displays
- Promoting policies that promote smoke free zones outside, in housing, and as part of community events.
- Educating smokers who are ready to quit about free cessation services.

-Delivering the key messages of the statewide common theme campaigns through local activities.

The three major strategies that Vermont Tobacco coalitions are implementing in FY12 include (1) collaborating with tobacco retailers to reduce point of sale tobacco advertising, (2) Working with local decision makers to create smoke-free parks, entryways, housing, business/college campuses. (3) Carrying out local activities that support the statewide common theme campaigns in November/December (adult cessation campaign) and February/March (youth prevention campaign). The first strategy coordinates efforts to enhance the FDA Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. Many coalitions also work with their local retailers to assist in the coordination of in-person retailer trainings, providing food, childcare, transportation and other incentives to encourage retailer staff to attend.

Schools continue to strengthen No Tobacco use policies, ensuring that policies are up to date, well communicated and linked to prevention and intervention resources. A model policy developed should include components that will, among other things: "Implement the Vermont law that prohibits students, parents, staff and visitors from using tobacco on school grounds, in school vehicles and at school events, even when the events are away from school." The Department of Education will also develop a comprehensive Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs policy assessment toolkit to support schools, school districts, and supervisory unions in this effort.

The Education Division within the Department of Liquor Control has elected to continue to offer annual education seminars for approximately 4,000 retail clerks who sell tobacco products. The DLC sponsored in-house training classes around the state for all types of law-enforcement – local, county and state law enforcement officials. Objectives included: increasing awareness among local law enforcement of the underage tobacco law by conducting trainings for local, county and state law enforcement departments, assess the extent of coordination between the Department of Health and the Department of Liquor Control on retailer training seminars.

Many of the tobacco coalitions work with the Department of Liquor Control to recognize retailers that pass their compliance checks. The Department of Liquor Control also publicizes results on a website
<http://liquorcontrol.vermont.gov/enforcement/compliance/>.

- f. **Are citations or warnings issued to retailers or clerks who sell tobacco to minors for inspections that are part of the Synar survey?** Yes No

If "Yes" to 5f, please describe the State's procedure for minimizing risk of bias to the survey results from retailers alerting each other to the presence of the survey teams:

Inspections are conducted monthly based on random selection of outlets, in order to reduce/eliminate potential bias of survey results. Monthly random selection of outlets assures that merchant notification is extremely unlikely and inaccurate should it occur. Often merchants are aware that all outlets are inspected annually, at least once, and that ongoing inspections are conducted monthly. However, there is no point in any outlet notifying other outlets as the outlets being notified will only be inspected if they have been randomly selected for that month. To our knowledge, no merchant notification is occurring. The Vermont Department of Liquor Control attempts to inspect all outlets at least onace a year

- g. Please describe the relationship between the State’s Synar program and the Food and Drug Administration-funded enforcement program:**

N/A

SYNAR SURVEY METHODS AND RESULTS

The following questions pertain to the survey methodology and results of the Synar survey used by the State to meet the requirements of the Synar Regulation in FFY 2011 (see 42 U.S.C. 300x-26 and 45 C.F.R. 96.130).

- 6. Has the sampling methodology changed from the previous year?** Yes No

The State is required to have an approved up-to-date description of the Synar sampling methodology on file with CSAP. Please submit a copy of your Synar Survey Sampling Methodology (Appendix B). If the sampling methodology changed from the previous reporting year, these changes must be reflected in the methodology submitted.

- 7. Please answer the following questions regarding the State’s annual random, unannounced inspections of tobacco outlets (see 45 C.F.R. 96.130(d)(2)).**

- a. Did the State use the optional Synar Survey Estimation System (SSES) to analyze the Synar survey data?** Yes No

If Yes, attach SSES summary tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 to the hard copy of the ASR and upload a copy of SSES tables 1–5 (in Excel) to WebBGAS. Then go to Question 8. If No, continue to Question 7b.

- b. Report the weighted and unweighted Retailer Violation Rate (RVR) estimates, the standard error, accuracy rate (number of eligible outlets divided by the total number of sampled outlets), and completion rate (number of eligible outlets inspected divided by the total number of eligible outlets).**

Unweighted RVR	<u>.095</u>
Weighted RVR	<u>.095</u>
Standard error (s.e.) of the (weighted) RVR	<u>0</u>

Fill in the blanks to calculate the right limit of the right-sided 95% confidence interval.

$$\frac{.095}{\text{RVR Estimate}} + \frac{(1.645 \times 0)}{(1.645 \text{ times Standard Error})} = \frac{.095}{\text{Right Limit}}$$

Accuracy rate 96.2%

Completion rate 98.6%

c. **Fill out Form 1 in Appendix A (Forms 1–5).** (*Required regardless of the sample design.*)

d. **How were the (weighted) RVR estimate and its standard error obtained?** (*Check the one that applies.*)

- Form 2 (Optional) in Appendix A (Forms 1–5) (*Attach completed Form 2.*)
 Other (*Please specify. Provide formulas and calculations or attach and explain the program code and output with description of all variable names.*)

e. **If stratification was used, did any strata in the sample contain only one outlet or cluster this year?** Yes No **No stratification**

If Yes, explain how this situation was dealt with in variance estimation.

f. **Was a cluster sample design used?** Yes **No**

If Yes, fill out and attach Form 3 in Appendix A (Forms 1–5), and answer the following question.

If No, go to Question 7g.

Were any certainty primary sampling units selected this year? Yes No

If Yes, explain how the certainty clusters were dealt with in variance estimation.

g. Report the following outlet sample sizes for the Synar survey.

	Sample Size
Effective sample size (sample size needed to meet the SAMHSA precision requirement assuming simple random sampling)	1024 (census)
Target sample size (the product of the effective sample size and the design effect)	1024 (census)
Original sample size (inflated sample size of the target sample to counter the sample attrition due to ineligibility and noncompletion)	1024 (census)
Eligible sample size (number of outlets found to be eligible in the sample)	999 (census)
Final sample size (number of eligible outlets in the sample for which an inspection was completed)	986 (census)

h. Fill out Form 4 in Appendix A (Forms 1–5).

8. Did the State’s Synar survey use a list frame? **Yes** **No**

If Yes, answer the following questions about its coverage.

a. The calendar year of the latest frame coverage study: N/A

b. Percent coverage from the latest frame coverage study: N/A

c. Was a new study conducted in this reporting period? **Yes** **No**

If Yes, please complete Appendix D (List Sampling Frame Coverage Study) and submit it with the Annual Synar Report.

d. The calendar year of the next coverage study planned: N/A

9. Has the Synar survey inspection protocol changed from the previous year?

Yes **No**

The State is required to have an approved up-to-date description of the Synar inspection protocol on file with CSAP. Please submit a copy of your Synar Survey Inspection Protocol (Appendix C). If the inspection protocol changed from the previous year, these changes must be reflected in the protocol submitted.

a. Provide the inspection period: From 10/01/10 to 09/30/11
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

b. Provide the number of youth inspectors used in the current inspection year:

25

NOTE: If the State uses SSES, please ensure that the number reported in 9b matches that reported in SSES Table 4, or explain any difference.

c. Fill out and attach Form 5 in Appendix A (Forms 1–5). *(Not required if the State used SSES to analyze the Synar survey data.)*

SECTION II: FFY 2012 (Intended Use):

Public law 42 U.S.C. 300x-26 of the Public Health Service Act and 45 C.F.R. 96.130 (e) (4, 5) require that the States provide information on future plans to ensure compliance with the Synar requirements to reduce youth tobacco access.

1. In the upcoming year, does the State anticipate any changes in:

- Synar sampling methodology Yes No
Synar inspection protocol Yes No

If changes are made in either the Synar sampling methodology or the Synar inspection protocol, the State is required to obtain approval from CSAP prior to implementation of the change and file an updated Synar Survey Sampling Methodology (Appendix B) or an updated Synar Survey Inspection Protocol (Appendix C), as appropriate.

2. Please describe the State's plans to maintain and/or reduce the target rate for Synar inspections to be completed in FFY 2012. Include a brief description of plans for law enforcement efforts to enforce youth tobacco access laws, activities that support law enforcement efforts to enforce youth tobacco access laws, and any anticipated changes in youth tobacco access legislation or regulation in the State.

Continued enforcement efforts and training for tobacco outlet personnel will enable Vermont to reach the "Target" rates set by Vermont and CSAP. In FFY 2012, the Vermont Department of Liquor Control (DLC) will conduct inspections across the state. The DLC will conduct a census of all tobacco outlets statewide. The DLC continues to maintain a list of all tobacco licensees and attempts to inspect each one at least once during the year. The DLC will attempt inspections again on those outlets that are eligible but not successfully inspected. The inspection plan calls for using only 17 year old youth inspectors, which offers a stiffer test of compliance for outlets.

3. Describe any challenges the State faces in complying with the Synar regulation. (Check all that apply.)

- Limited resources for law enforcement of youth access laws
 Limited resources for activities to support enforcement and compliance with youth tobacco access laws
 Limitations in the State youth tobacco access laws
 Limited public support for enforcement of youth tobacco access laws
 Limitations on completeness/accuracy of list of tobacco outlets
 Limited expertise in survey methodology
 Laws/regulations limiting the use of minors in tobacco inspections
 Difficulties recruiting youth inspectors
 Geographic, demographic, and logistical considerations in conducting inspections
 Cultural factors (e.g., language barriers, young people purchasing for their elders)
 Issues regarding sources of tobacco under tribal jurisdiction
 Other challenges (Please list.) _____

Briefly describe all checked challenges and propose a plan for each, or indicate the State's need for technical assistance related to each relevant challenge.

Vermont is principally rural. Thus many outlets are in small towns, far removed from the few urban areas. This makes many of the inspections time consuming and expensive; both of which create problems for inspection and enforcement of the tobacco law. There are two problems, which have slowed our efforts to reduce youth access to tobacco: 1. The Vermont Department of Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP) is not the agency responsible for designing or conducting the compliance checks, or for managing the data on tobacco outlets in the state, yet is responsible for reporting on these aspects. 2. The second problem is the lack of resources or expertise. Both ADAP and the Vermont Department of Liquor Control have very limited data management, statistical and research resources. However we do expect that CSAP's 20% target for non-compliance will be achieved again in FFY 2011 and beyond.

APPENDIX A: FORMS 1–5

FORM 1 (Required for all States not using the Synar Survey Estimation System (SSES) to analyze the Synar Survey data)

Complete Form 1 to report sampling frame and sample information and to calculate the unweighted retailer violation rate (RVR) using results from the current year’s Synar survey inspections.

Instructions for Completing Form 1: In the top right-hand corner of the form, provide the State name and reporting Federal fiscal year (FFY 2012). Provide the remaining information by stratum if stratification was used. Make copies of the form if additional rows are needed to list all the strata.

Column 1: *If stratification was used:*

1(a) Sequentially number each row.

1(b) Write in the name of each stratum. All strata in the State must be listed.

If no stratification was used:

1(a) Leave blank.

1(b) Write “State” in the first row (indicates that the whole State is a single stratum).

Note for unstratified samples: For Columns 2–5, wherever the instruction refers to “each stratum,” report the specified information for the State as a whole.

Column 2: 2(a) Report the number of over-the-counter (OTC) outlets in the sampling frame in each stratum.

2(b) Report the number of vending machine (VM) outlets in the sampling frame in each stratum.

2(c) Report the combined total of OTC and VM outlets in the sampling frame in each stratum.

Column 3: 3(a) Report the estimated number of eligible OTC outlets in the OTC outlet population in each stratum.

3(b) Report the estimated number of eligible VM outlets in the VM outlet population in each stratum.

3(c) Report the combined total estimated number of eligible OTC and VM outlets in the total outlet population in each stratum.

The estimates for Column 3 can be obtained from the Synar survey sample as the weighted sum of eligible outlets by outlet type.

Column 4: 4(a) Report the number of eligible OTC outlets for which an inspection was completed, for each stratum.

4(b) Report the numbers of eligible VM outlets for which an inspection was completed, for each stratum.

4(c) Report the combined total of eligible OTC and VM outlets for which an inspection was completed, for each stratum.

Column 5: 5(a) Report the number of OTC outlets found in violation of the law as a result of completed inspections, for each stratum.

5(b) Report the number of VM outlets found in violation of the law as a result of completed inspections, for each stratum.

5(c) Report the combined total of OTC and VM outlets found in violation of the law as a result of completed inspections, for each stratum.

Totals: For each subcolumn (a–c) in Columns 2–5, provide totals for the State as a whole in the last row of the table. These numbers will be the sum of the numbers in each row for the respective column.

FORM 2 (Optional)

Appropriate for stratified simple or systematic random sampling designs.

Complete Form 2 to calculate the weighted RVR. This table (in Excel form) is designed to calculate the weighted RVR for stratified simple or systematic random sampling designs, accounting for ineligible outlets and noncomplete inspections encountered during the annual Synar survey.

Instructions for Completing Form 2: In the top right-hand corner of the form, provide the State name and reporting Federal fiscal year (FFY 2012).

- Column 1: Write in the name of each stratum into which the sample was divided. These should match the strata reported in Column 1(b) of Form 1.
- Column 2: Report the number of outlets in the sampling frame in each stratum. These numbers should match the numbers reported for the respective strata in Column 2(c) of Form 1.
- Column 3: Report the original sample size (the number of outlets originally selected, *including* substitutes or replacements) for each stratum.
- Column 4: Report the number of sample outlets in each stratum that were found to be eligible during the inspections. Note that this number must be less than or equal to the number reported in Column 3 for the respective strata.
- Column 5: Report the number of eligible outlets in each stratum for which an inspection was completed. Note that this number must be less than or equal to the number reported in Column 4. These numbers should match the numbers reported in Column 4(c) of Form 1 for the respective strata.
- Column 6: Report the number of eligible outlets inspected in each stratum that were found in violation. These numbers should match the numbers reported in Column 5(c) of Form 1 for the stratum.
- Column 7: Form 2 (in Excel form) will automatically calculate the stratum RVR for each stratum in this column. This is calculated by dividing the number of inspected eligible outlets found in violation (Column 6) by the number of inspected eligible outlets (Column 5). The State unweighted RVR will be shown in the Total row of Column 7.
- Column 8: Form 2 (in Excel form) will automatically calculate the estimated number of eligible outlets in the population for each stratum. This calculation is made by multiplying the number of outlets in the sampling frame (Column 2) times the number of eligible outlets (Column 4) divided by the original sample size (Column 3). Note that these numbers will be less than or equal to the numbers in Column 2.
- Column 9: Form 2 (in Excel form) will automatically calculate the relative stratum weight by dividing the estimated number of eligible outlets in the population for each stratum in Column 8 by the Total of the values in Column 8.
- Column 10: Form 2 (in Excel form) will automatically calculate each stratum's contribution to the State weighted RVR by multiplying the stratum RVR (Column 7) by the relative stratum weight (Column 9). The weighted RVR for the State will be shown in the Total row of Column 10.
- Column 11: Form 2 (in Excel form) automatically calculates the standard error of each stratum's RVR (Column 7). The standard error for the State weighted RVR will be shown in the Total row of Column 11.
- TOTAL:** For Columns 2–6, Form 2 (in Excel form) provides totals for the State as a whole in the last row of the table. For Columns 7–11, it calculates the respective statistic for the State as a whole.

FORM 2 (Optional) Appropriate for stratified simple or systematic random sampling designs.

Calculation of Weighted Retailer Violation Rate										
										State: <u>Vermont</u>
										FFY: <u>2012</u>
(1) Stratum Name	(2) N Number of Outlets in Sampling Frame	(3) n Original Sample Size	(4) n1 Number of Sample Outlets Found Eligible	(5) n2 Number of Outlets Inspected	(6) x Number of Outlets Found in Violation	(7) p=x/n2 Stratum Retailer Violation Rate	(8) N'=N(n1/n) Estimated Number of Eligible Outlets in Population	(9) w=N'/Total Column 8 Relative Stratum Weight	(10) pw Stratum Contribution to State Weighted RVR	(11) s.e. Standard Error of Stratum RVR
State	1024	1024	999	986	94	0.095	999.00	1.00000	0.0953	0.0011
Total	1024	1024	999	986	94	0.095	999.00	1.00000	0.0953	0.0011

- N - number of outlets in sampling frame
- n - original sample size (number of outlets in the original sample)
- n1 - number of sample outlets that were found to be eligible
- n2 - number of eligible outlets that were inspected
- x - number of inspected outlets that were found in violation
- p - stratum retailer violation rate (p=x/n2)
- N' - estimated number of eligible outlets in population (N'=N*n1/n)
- w - relative stratum weight (w=N'/Total Column 8)
- pw - stratum contribution to the weighted RVR
- s.e. - standard error of the stratum RVR

FORM 3 (Required when a cluster design is used for all States not using the Synar Survey Estimation System [SSES] to analyze the Synar survey data.)

Complete Form 3 to report information about primary sampling units when a cluster design was used for the Synar survey.

Instructions for Completing Form 3: In the top right-hand corner of the form, provide the State name and reporting Federal fiscal year (FFY 2012).

Provide information by stratum if stratification was used. Make copies of the form if additional rows are needed to list all the strata.

Column 1: Sequentially number each row.

Column 2: *If stratification was used:* Write in the name of stratum. All strata in the State must be listed.

If no stratification was used: Write “State” in the first row to indicate that the whole State constitutes a single stratum.

Column 3: Report the number of primary sampling units (PSUs) (i.e., first-stage clusters) created for each stratum.

Column 4: Report the number of PSUs selected in the original sample for each stratum.

Column 5: Report the number of PSUs in the final sample for each stratum.

TOTALS: For Columns 3–5, provide totals for the State as a whole in the last row of the table.

Summary of Clusters Created and Sampled				
				State: Vermont
				FFY: 2012
(1) Row #	(2) Stratum Name	(3) Number of PSUs Created	(4) Number of PSUs Selected	(5) Number of PSUs in the Final Sample
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total		N/A	N/A	N/A

FORM 4 (Required for all States not using the Synar Survey Estimation System [SSES] to analyze the Synar Survey data)

Complete Form 4 to provide detailed tallies of ineligible sample outlets by reasons for ineligibility and detailed tallies of eligible sample outlets with noncomplete inspections by reasons for noncompletion.

Instructions for Completing Form 4: In the top right-hand corner of the form, provide the State name and reporting Federal fiscal year (FFY 2012).

Column 1(a): Enter the number of sample outlets found ineligible for inspection by reason for ineligibility. Provide the total number of ineligible outlets in the row marked "Total."

Column 2(a): Enter the number of eligible sample outlets with noncomplete inspections by reason for noncompletion. Provide the total number of eligible outlets with noncomplete inspections in the row marked "Total."

Inspection Tallies by Reason of Ineligibility or Noncompletion			
		State: Vermont	
		FFY: 2012	
(1) INELIGIBLE		(2) ELIGIBLE	
Reason for Ineligibility	(a) Counts	Reason for Noncompletion	(a) Counts
Out of business	2	In operation but closed at time of visit	11
Does not sell tobacco products	16	Unsafe to access	0
Inaccessible by youth	0	Presence of police	0
Private club or private residence	0	Youth inspector knows salesperson	2
Temporary closure	0	Moved to new location	0
Unlocatable	0	Drive-thru only/youth inspector has no driver's license	0
Wholesale only/Carton sale only	0	Tobacco out of stock	0
Vending machine broken	0	Ran out of time	0
Duplicate	0	Other noncompletion reason(s) (<i>Describe.</i>)	0
Other ineligibility reason(s) (<i>Describe.</i>) Closed due to severe flood damage - not known if will re-open	7		
Total	25	Total	13

FORM 5 (Required for all States not using the Synar Survey Estimation System [SSES] to analyze the Synar survey data)

Complete Form 5 to show the distribution of outlet inspection results by age and gender of the youth inspectors.

Instructions for Completing Form 5: In the top right-hand corner of the form, provide the State name and reporting Federal fiscal year (FFY 2012).

Column 1: Enter the number of attempted buys by youth inspector age and gender.

Column 2: Enter the number of successful buys by youth inspector age and gender.

If the inspectors are age eligible but the gender of the inspector is unknown, include those inspections in the “Other” row. Calculate subtotals for males and females in rows marked “Male Subtotal” and “Female Subtotal.” Sum subtotals for Male, Female, and Other and record in the bottom row marked “Total.” Verify that the total of attempted buys and successful buys equals the total for Column 4(c) and Column 5(c), respectively, on Form 1. If the totals do not match, please explain any discrepancies.

Synar Survey Inspector Characteristics		
State: Vermont		
FFY: 2012		
	(1) Attempted Buys	(2) Successful Buys
Male		
15 years	0	0
16 years	0	0
17 years	774	78
18 years	0	0
Male Subtotal	774	78
Female		
15 years	0	0
16 years	0	0
17 years	212	16
18 years	0	0
Female Subtotal	212	16
Other	0	0
Total	986	94

APPENDIXES B & C: FORMS

Instructions

Appendix B (Sampling Design) and Appendix C (Inspection Protocol) are to reflect the State's CSAP-approved sampling design and inspection protocol. These appendixes, therefore, should generally describe the design and protocol and, with the exception of Question #10 of Appendix B, are not to be modified with year-specific information. Please note that any changes to either appendix must receive CSAP's advance, written approval. To facilitate the State's completion of this section, simply cut and paste the previously approved sampling design (Appendix B) and inspection protocol (Appendix C).

APPENDIX B: SYNAR SURVEY SAMPLING METHODOLOGY

State: Vermont
 FFY: 2012

1. What type of sampling frame is used?

- List frame (*Go to Question 2.*)
- Area frame (*Go to Question 3.*)
- List-assisted area frame (*Go to Question 2.*)

2. List all sources of the list frame. Indicate the type of source from the list below. Provide a brief description of the frame source. Explain how the lists are updated (method), including how new outlets are identified and added to the frame. In addition, explain how often the lists are updated (cycle). (After completing this question, go to Question 4.)

Use the corresponding number to indicate Type of Source in the table below.

- 1 – Statewide commercial business list
- 2 – Local commercial business list
- 3 – Statewide tobacco license/permit list
- 4 – Statewide retail license/permit list
- 5 – Statewide liquor license/permit list
- 6 – Other

Name of Frame Source	Type of Source	Description	Updating Method and Cycle
Vermont Department of Liquor Control (DLC) License List	3	Statewide database of all tobacco license holders	Updated every month/Town Clerks in each town/city in Vermont issue license effective for one year from May 1st and are required to file a written report with the DLC by May 15th, The DLC used these reports to update their database on a monthly/yearly basis. The inspectors update the database monthly by notifying the DLC of any closed vendors of either tobacco or alcohol products.

3. If an area frame is used, describe how area sampling units are defined and formed.

N/A

- a. Is any area left out in the formation of the area frame? Yes No

If Yes, what percentage of the State’s population is not covered by the area frame?
 _____%

4. Federal regulation requires that vending machines be inspected as part of the Synar survey. Are vending machines included in the Synar survey? Yes No

If No, please indicate the reason they are not included in the Synar survey.

- State law bans vending machines.
- State law bans vending machines from locations accessible to youth.
- State has SAMHSA approval to exempt vending machines from the survey.
- Other (Please describe.) _____

5. Which category below best describes the sample design? (Check only one.)

- Census** (STOP HERE: Appendix B is complete.)

Unstratified statewide sample:

- Simple random sample (Go to Question 9.)
- Systematic random sample (Go to Question 6.)
- Single-stage cluster sample (Go to Question 8.)
- Multistage cluster sample (Go to Question 8.)

Stratified sample:

- Simple random sample (Go to Question 7.)
- Systematic random sample (Go to Question 6.)
- Single-stage cluster sample (Go to Question 7.)
- Multistage cluster sample (Go to Question 7.)
- Other** (Please describe and go to Question 9.) _____

6. Describe the systematic sampling methods. (After completing Question 6, go to Question 7 if stratification is used. Otherwise go to Question 9.)

N/A

7. Provide the following information about stratification.

a. Provide a full description of the strata that are created.

N/A

b. Is clustering used within the stratified sample?

- Yes** (Go to Question 8.)
- No** (Go to Question 9.)

8. Provide the following information about clustering.

a. Provide a full description of how clusters are formed. (If multistage clusters are used, give definitions of clusters at each stage.)

N/A

b. Specify the sampling method (simple random, systematic, or probability proportional to size sampling) for each stage of sampling and describe how the method(s) is (are) implemented.

N/A

9. Provide the formulas for determining the effective, target, and original outlet sample sizes.

N/A

10. Provide the following information about sample size calculations for the current FFY Synar survey.

a. If the State uses the sample size formulas embedded in the Synar Survey Estimation System (SSES) Sample Size Calculator, please provide the following information:

Inputs for Effective Sample Size:

RVR: N/A

Frame Size: N/A

Input for Target Sample Size:

Design Effect: N/A

Inputs for Original Sample Size:

Safety Margin: N/A

Accuracy (Eligibility) Rate: N/A

Completion Rate: N/A

b. If the State does not use the sample size formulas embedded in the SSES Sample Size Calculator, please provide all inputs required to calculate the effective, target, and original sample sizes as indicated in Question 9.

N/A

APPENDIX C: SYNAR SURVEY INSPECTION PROTOCOL

State: Vermont

FFY: 2012

Note: Upload to WebBGAS a copy of the Synar inspection form under the heading "Synar Inspection Form" and a copy of the protocol used to train inspection teams on conducting and reporting the results of the Synar inspections under the heading "Synar Inspection Protocol."

1. How does the State Synar survey protocol address the following?

a. Consummated buy attempts?

- Required Not permitted
 Permitted under specified circumstances Not specified in protocol

b. Youth inspectors to carry ID?

- Required Not permitted
 Permitted under specified circumstances Not specified in protocol

c. Adult inspectors to enter the outlet?

- Required Not permitted
 Permitted under specified circumstances Not specified in protocol

d. Youth inspectors to be compensated?

- Required Not permitted
 Permitted under specified circumstances Not specified in protocol

2. Identify the agency(ies) or entity(ies) that actually conduct the random, unannounced Synar inspections of tobacco outlets. (Check all that apply.)

- Law enforcement agency(ies)
 State or local government agency(ies) other than law enforcement
 Private contractor(s)
 Other

List the agency name(s): Vermont Department of Liquor Control

3. Are Synar inspections combined with law enforcement efforts (i.e., do law enforcement representatives issue warnings or citations to retailers found in violation of the law at the time of the inspection?)?

- Always Usually Sometimes Rarely Never

4. Describe the methods used to recruit, select, and train youth inspectors and adult supervisors.

Youth for the study were recruited by word of mouth through the Vermont Department of Liquor Control (DLC) investigators. Only youth who were 17 years of age were used in the study. No youth who was 17 years old and was willing to work in the study was turned down because of appearing "too old". The youth were trained by DLC inspectors before going out into the field. The youths were required to read through the procedures and sign them prior to starting an inspection.

5. Are there specific legal or procedural requirements instituted by the State to address the issue of youth inspectors' immunity when conducting inspections?

- a. Legal Yes No (If Yes, please describe.)

Please see attached "Procedures for Tobacco Purchase Compliance Survey".

- b. Procedural Yes No (If Yes, please describe.)

Please see attached "Procedures for Tobacco Purchase Compliance Survey".

6. Are there specific legal or procedural requirements instituted by the State to address the issue of the safety of youth inspectors during all aspects of the Synar inspection process?

- a. Legal Yes No (If Yes, please describe.)

- b. Procedural Yes No (If Yes, please describe.)

Investigator is required to accompany the minor into the establishment. An additional enforcement officer enters the establishment as a witness to verify the events taking place and also to assist in case the minor is threatened in any way.

7. Are there any other legal or procedural requirements the State has regarding how inspections are to be conducted (e.g., age of youth inspector, time of inspections, training that must occur)?

- a. Legal Yes No (If Yes, please describe.)

- b. Procedural Yes No (If Yes, please describe.)

Age of youth being 17, and training being required prior to inspection.

APPENDIX D: LIST SAMPLING FRAME COVERAGE STUDY

(LIST FRAME ONLY)

State: Vermont
FFY: 2012

1. Calendar year of the coverage study: N/A
2.
 - a. Unweighted percent coverage found: N/A%
 - b. Weighted percent coverage found: N/A%
 - c. Number of outlets found through canvassing: N/A
 - d. Number of outlets matched on the list frame: N/A
3.
 - a. Describe how areas were defined. (e.g., census tracts, counties, etc.)

Per CSAP approval, Vermont has a coverage study waiver.

- b. Were any areas of the State excluded from sampling? Yes No

If Yes, please explain.

4. Please answer the following questions about the selection of canvassing areas.

- a. Which category below best describes the sample design? (Check only one.)

Census (Go to Question 6.)

Unstratified Statewide sample:

Simple random sample (Respond to Part b.)

Systematic random sample (Respond to Part b.)

Single-stage cluster sample (Respond to Parts b and d.)

Multistage cluster sample (Respond to Parts b and d.)

Stratified sample:

Simple random sample (Respond to Parts b and c.)

Systematic random sample (Respond to Parts b and c.)

Single-stage cluster sample (Respond to Parts b, c, and d.)

Multistage cluster sample (Respond to Parts b, c, and d.)

Other (Please describe and respond to Part b.) _____

- b. Describe the sampling methods.

c. Provide a full description of the strata that were created.

d. Provide a full description of how clusters were formed.

5. Were borders of the selected areas clearly identified at the time of canvassing?

Yes No

6. Were all sampled areas visited by canvassing teams?

Yes (*Go to Question 7.*) No (*Respond to Parts a and b.*)

a. Was the subset of areas randomly chosen?

Yes No

b. Describe how the subsample of visited areas was drawn. Include the number of areas sampled and the number of areas canvassed.

7. Were field observers provided with a detailed map of the canvassing areas?

Yes No

If No, describe the canvassing instructions given to the field observers.

8. Were field observers instructed to find all outlets in the assigned area?

Yes No

If No, respond to Question 9.

If Yes, describe any instructions given to the field observers to ensure the entire area was canvassed, then go to Question 10.

9. If a full canvassing was not conducted:

a. How many predetermined outlets were to be observed in each area? _____

b. What were the starting points for each area? _____

c. Were these starting points randomly chosen? Yes No

d. Describe the selection of the starting points.

- e. Please describe the canvassing instructions given to the field observers, including predetermined routes.

10. Describe the process field observers used to determine if an outlet sold tobacco.

11. Please provide the State's definition of "matches" or "mismatches" to the Synar sampling frame? (i.e., address, business name, business license number, etc).

12. Provide the calculation of the weighted percent coverage (if applicable).