

Question for written answer E-002114/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: EU-wide ban on flavoured and disposable vapes

The evidence of health and environmental risks is mounting rapidly. Recent data reveals that nearly one third of 15-year-olds in Europe have tried e-cigarettes, while scientific literature increasingly demonstrates that vaping can impair brain development, exacerbate mental health issues and cause respiratory and cardiovascular disease, and has even led to documented deaths from vaping-associated lung injury – with disposable vapes creating massive environmental waste through single-use batteries and plastics.

The Member States are forced to implement their own ‘gold-plated’ restrictions to protect citizens, prompting 12 countries to call for stronger European legal frameworks in June 2024. National laws alone prove insufficient against the flourishing illegal vape trade where criminal networks easily circumvent restrictions and flood schoolyards with unregulated products.

1. What concrete measures has the Commission implemented to address the concerns raised by the 12 Member States in June 2024 regarding youth vaping, and what timeline does the Commission currently have for applying these measures EU-wide?
2. Is the Commission prepared to invoke Article 20(11) of Directive 2014/40/EU to enact an EU-wide ban on flavoured and disposable vapes via delegated act, following national bans already implemented in three Member States?

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