

Question for written answer E-003980/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Review of the Tobacco Products Directive

The Tobacco Products Directive¹ outlines the requirements concerning the manufacturing, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products, including electronic cigarettes.

However, the Directive has not been updated to account for the recent surge of novel nicotine products on the market, despite the Commission setting out in the 2021 Europe's Beating Cancer Plan that it commits to reviewing 'the Tobacco Products Directive, the Tobacco Taxation Directive and the legal framework on cross-border purchases of tobacco by private individuals' by the end of 2025².

A revised Tobacco Taxation Directive was indeed proposed by the Commission in July 2025 to respond to such changing nicotine trends, while a parallel review of the Tobacco Products Directive was started but appears to have stalled. This review is crucial if the Commission is to achieve its goal of a tobacco-free generation by 2040 as set out in the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan.

1. Why did the Commission not propose a revised Tobacco Products Directive in parallel with the revised Tobacco Taxation Directive?
2. Will the Commission meet its commitment to review the Tobacco Products Directive by the end of 2025, and if not, when is the review of this directive expected to be completed and published?

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¹ Directive 2014/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products and repealing Directive 2001/37/EC.

² Commission communication of 3 February 2021 entitled 'Europe's Beating Cancer Plan' (COM(2021)0044).