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The Commission, as part of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, has taken steps to achieve a tobacco-free generation by 2040. On 17 September 2024, the Commission adopted a proposal for a Council Recommendation on Smoke- and Aerosol-Free Environments<sup>1</sup> with the aim of better protecting people in the EU from exposure to second-hand smoke and aerosols.

In addition, in 2022, as a result of a significant increase in the sales of heated tobacco products, the Commission adopted Delegated Directive (EU) 2022/2100 amending Directive 2014/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the withdrawal of certain exemptions in respect of heated tobacco products<sup>2</sup>. As a consequence, in addition to prohibiting the use of flavourings in cigarettes and roll-your-own tobacco, Member States have to prohibit the placing on the market of heated tobacco products with a characterising flavour and heated tobacco products containing flavourings in any of their components.

Since 20 May 2024, the EU tobacco traceability system also covers tobacco products other than cigarettes and roll-your-own tobacco which is a substantial improvement to the capacity of tobacco regulators and public authorities in better detecting potential fraud cases in the illicit trade of tobacco products.

The Commission supports collaboration and dialogue with and among Member States and continues to fulfil its global commitment to tobacco control through the implementation of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the participation in its Conference of the Parties.

The Commission is currently working on the evaluation of the EU tobacco legislation<sup>3</sup>. This evaluation is an important step towards a revision of the tobacco control legislation.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/proposal-council-recommendation-smoke-and-aerosol-free-environments\\_en#:~:text=Details.%20Publication%20date.%2017%20September%202024.%20Author.%20Directorate-General%20for%20Health](https://health.ec.europa.eu/publications/proposal-council-recommendation-smoke-and-aerosol-free-environments_en#:~:text=Details.%20Publication%20date.%2017%20September%202024.%20Author.%20Directorate-General%20for%20Health)

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022L2100>

<sup>3</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13481-Evaluation-of-the-legislative-framework-for-tobacco-control\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13481-Evaluation-of-the-legislative-framework-for-tobacco-control_en)