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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the risk of toxicity of flavoured liquids for electronic cigarettes

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the risk of toxicity of flavoured liquids for electronic cigarettes

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, in a study published on 8 December 2016, American researchers at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences analysed some 50 commercial brands of flavoured liquids for electronic cigarettes;
- B. whereas, according to those studies, liquid for electronic cigarettes contains, in particular, diacetyl, and also acetylpropionyl and acetoin, and whereas only four samples did not contain any of these three constituents;
- C. whereas the French High Council for Public Health has recognised, in an opinion dated 22 February 2016, that liquids contained in electronic cigarettes are toxic, albeit only slightly;
- 1. Recalls that Directive 2014/40/EU stipulates that, under the Directive, ‘the responsibility for adopting rules on flavours remains with the Member States [...] Any prohibition of such flavoured products would need to be justified and notification thereof submitted in accordance with Directive 98/34/EC’;
- 2. Encourages the Commission to conduct complementary research into the harmfulness of electronic cigarettes, and encourages Member States to take any measure under the above Directive.