

Question for written answer E-004144/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Publicity and relevance of soft law

During the last exchange of views with the Commission on the application of the Tobacco Products Directive (2014/40/EU), one question (number 16) focused on the Commission's interpretation of the ban in Article 7.7 of that directive.

1. Can the Commission confirm that its DG SANTE has shared soft law on the interpretation of Article 7.7 with Members States' national experts?
2. Has the Commission shared such soft law with the European Parliament?
3. If it has not, does the Commission agree this is in breach of paragraph 15 of the 2010 EP-Commission Framework Agreement, which states: 'The Commission will provide full information and documentation on its meetings with national experts within the framework of its work on the preparation and implementation of Union legislation, including soft law and delegated acts'?