

**Question for written answer E-005245/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: EU Common Entry Gate - information obligations relating to electronic cigarettes and refill containers

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/2183 establishing a format for the notification of electronic cigarettes and refill containers (common entry gate) states that this shall be determined by the Member State. The Commission issued the Implementing Decision following Article 20(13) of Directive 2014/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, which the Member States were required to transpose by 20 May 2016.

By what date and by what method are Member States required to fulfil their obligations arising from this Implementing Decision?

Are the obligations arising from this Implementing Decision directly applicable to the manufacturers and importers of electronic cigarettes and refill containers if a Member State fails to notify them of this decision (in the statutory manner or via a link on the website of the competent national authority)?

Is it possible to fulfil the obligations (in Article 20 of the Directive) arising from Directive 2014/40/EU other than through the common entry gate, i.e. directly through the Member State authority?