

**Question for written answer E-001524/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: New rules for tobacco products

The aim behind the legislation put forward concerning new rules for tobacco products is to make smoking less attractive, mainly among young people. The new rules entering into force prohibit cigarettes with characteristic ingredients. Menthol-flavoured tobacco products will also become a thing of the past, falling under the prohibition from summer 2020 onwards. Combined warnings of the negative health impacts of smoking will cover 65% of the back and front of packets. All these efforts should contribute towards reducing the use of tobacco products.

The agreement in question should be ratified by the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament no later than March this year. Is it within the Commission's capabilities to ensure that this actually becomes a reality within the period in question?