

**Question for written answer E-001571/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: E-cigarettes: safety in use

It is a well-established fact that conventional cigarettes can cause a wide range of diseases. As a result, e-cigarettes are becoming increasingly popular, but it is not yet known for sure what long-term effects they have.

There has recently been much debate over the health effects of smoking e-cigarettes, but little attention has been paid to how safe they are to use, despite the fact that there have been a number of cases of e-cigarette batteries exploding, causing fires and injuries. Although the lithium-ion batteries used in e-cigarettes are extremely efficient, if they are not used properly or if they overheat or a short circuit occurs, they can be dangerous.

1. Does the Commission monitor the quality of batteries used in e-cigarettes?
2. Does it have a list of the e-cigarette manufacturers that meet the relevant EU criteria, and is that list available to the public?