

**Question for written answer E-000988/2019  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
Lampros Fountoulis (NI)**

Subject: Both smoking and smoke heating appliances are dangerous

The IQOS device, which came out in 2014 and which heats solid tobacco, is no less harmful to cells than smoking and vaping, according to scientists, who said that a new study is a further indication that the new devices – which are now being used in 41 countries – are no safer.

The scientists, who will continue their research into smoke heating appliances, emphasised that 'it is already known that the failure of two types of lung cells can destroy the lung tissue and lead to fatal diseases, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, lung cancer and pneumonia, and increase the risk of asthma, so these devices should not be considered a safer option'<sup>12</sup>.

Can the Commission say:

- (1) What steps will it take to establish homogeneous arrangements in Member States?
- (2) How will it control tobacco products and other related products in order to protect public health, given that more and more young people are addicted to nicotine as a result of this trend?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.in.gr/2019/02/11/health/body/oi-syskeyes-thermansis-kapnou-eksisou-epivlaveis-gia-ton-anthropo-kapnisma-kai-atmismas/?fbclid=IwAR1-VUiRQ2-ZIIDUQjYkzMc8c\\_S1nkuqC4CnU3reNKqpi8w31owvR5TldvI](https://www.in.gr/2019/02/11/health/body/oi-syskeyes-thermansis-kapnou-eksisou-epivlaveis-gia-ton-anthropo-kapnisma-kai-atmismas/?fbclid=IwAR1-VUiRQ2-ZIIDUQjYkzMc8c_S1nkuqC4CnU3reNKqpi8w31owvR5TldvI)

<sup>2</sup> <http://scinews.eu/ta-nea-tis-epistimis/1735-oi-syskeves-thermansis-kapnoy-eksisou-epivlaveis-gia-ton-anthropo-me-to-kapnisma-kai-to-atmismas>