

**Question for written answer E-001032/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Need for EU-wide disposable vape ban

The Commission has approved Belgium's law to ban disposable vapes, and many Member States, including Ireland, are moving in the same direction. Although more independent research is needed into the health impacts of vaping, current research points to potentially severe physical and psychological implications, especially for children. We already know that disposable vapes are harming the environment through pollution with toxic chemicals and microplastics. I have called for a nation-wide ban on disposable vapes in Ireland, and believe that a harmonised EU-wide ban on disposable vapes is urgently necessary to ensure the proper functioning of the single market, as well as to prevent further damage to public health and the environment, as long as the effects of vaping remain unknown.

1. When will the Commission conduct an independent, scientific impact assessment on the implications of vapes for young people, overall health and the environment, preventing, to the maximum extent, industry influence?
2. Will the Commission come forward with a proposal to revise the Tobacco Products Directive¹ in order to ban the sale of disposable vapes and regulate the marketing of e-cigarettes towards children across the single market?

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¹ Directive 2014/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products and repealing Directive 2001/37/EC (OJ L 127, 29.4.2014, p. 1).