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to the Commission**

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Subject: European approaches to nicotine pouches

With only 5.6 % of the population being daily smokers, Sweden has the lowest proportion of cigarette smokers in Europe by a significant margin. Moreover, the proportion of smokers in Sweden is continuing to decrease and the use of nicotine pouches has played a significant role in this development.

Other countries have chosen a different path. For example, Belgium is moving forward with a plan to ban nicotine pouches. They informed the Commission of their intentions in the summer of 2022¹ and stated that they wanted to ban these products until there is proof that they are a useful instrument in lowering smoking rates.

1. Does the Commission consider it to be a problem for the single market that Member States are adopting different regulations on new nicotine products, such as nicotine pouches?
2. What should Member States take into consideration when imposing new regulation on nicotine products?

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¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tris/en/search/?trisaction=search.detail&year=2022&num=417>.