

Short overview of the revision of the Tobacco Products Directive (TPD)

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23 Oct. 12 Nov. 3 Dec. 16 dec. 2013	European Parliament Commission Council (Member States)	Formal tirlogue negotiations	Related documents	
			Possible impact	The future legislation of nicotine containing products (NCPs) including e-cigarettes is part of the ongoing discussion on the revision of Tobacco Products Directive (TPD). In light of the available regulatory options EPHA has identified and presented in a briefing document, EPHA recommends principles of future EU wide NCP legislation, public health requirements of NCPs, and policy recommendations for regulating NCPs
			EPHA Position	[EPHA Briefing] Regulation of Nicotine Containing Products (NCPs) including electronic cigarettes (6/12/ 2013) [Press Release] Public health must be at the heart of the EU regulation of e-cigarettes (4/12/2013)
			Comments	There were four outstanding issues for the negotiations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-cigarettes • positive list of ingredients, • the ban of internet sales and • the traceability measures.
8 October 2013	European Parliament	First reading - Plenary vote	Related documents	
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	[EPHA position paper] Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive (25/06/2013)
			Comments	Indicative date, vote on the ENVI report
10 July 2013	European Parliament	ENVI Committee vote	Related documents	Draft report (28 March 2013) Amendments 57-154 , (Deadline for amendments on ENVI Committee: 8 May 2013) 155-246 , and 247-374 , and 375-486 , and 487-597 , and 598-723 , and 724-833 , and 834-941 ,and 942-1043 , and 1044-1136 , and 1137-1233 , and 1234-1360
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	[EPHA position paper] Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive (25/06/2013)
			Comments	Vote on the draft report of Linda MCAVAN MEP (S&D) appointed on 23 January - Shadow Rapporteurs
21 June 2013	European Council	EPSCO General approach	Related documents	Video of the debate. Press release. Council agrees on revision of tobacco rules (25/06/2013)
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	[EPHA position paper] Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive (25/06/2013) EPHA and Public Health NGOs call for an updated EU Tobacco Products Directive (18/06/2013) [Press release] EU Health Ministers need to agree on strongtobacco policy and stop 650,000 Europeans from dying each year (20/06/2013)

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			Comments	Health Minister's debate.
20 June 2013	European Parliament	ITRE Committee vote	Related documents	Draft opinion (2013.04.04) Video of the vote Amendments 21-280 , published on 28 May 2013m (deadline 30 May 2013).
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	[EPHA position paper] Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive (25/06/2013)
			Comments	Adoption of the draft opinion in ITRE Publication of the draft opinion . Rapporteur: Robbert Goebbles (S&D, LU)
20 June 2013	European Parliament	JURI Committee vote	Related documents	Draft opinion (29 April 2013) Amendments 62-170 (deadline: 3 June 2013) Video of the vote
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	[EPHA position paper] Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive (25/06/2013)
			Comments	Adoption of the draft opinion in JURI Rapporteur: Klaus-Heiner Lehne (EPP, GE)
19 June 2013	European Parliament	AGRI Committee vote	Related documents	Draft opinion (9 April 2013) Video of the vote (deadline for amendments 26 April) Amendments 23-323 and 324-350
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	[EPHA position paper] Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive (25/06/2013)
			Comments	Adoption of the draft opinion in AGRI Publication of the draft opinion . Rapporteur: Csaba Sándor TABAJDI (S&D, HU)
18 June 2013	European Parliament	IMCO Committee vote	Related documents	Draft opinion (27 March 2013) Amendments 55-267 and 268-481 (deadline for amendments 6 May) Draft agenda ; video of the vote
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	[EPHA position paper] Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive (25/06/2013)
			Comments	Adoption of the draft opinion in IMCO Rapporteur: Małgorzata Handzlik (EPP,PL)
18 June 2013	European Parliament	INTA Committee vote	Related documents	Video of the vote draft opinion in INTA Committee

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				Amendments 4-235 (deadline 30 May 2013).
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	[EPHA position paper] Revision of the Tobacco Products Directive (25/06/2013)
			Comments	Adoption of the draft opinion in INTA Matin Kazak MEP (ALDE, BG)
30 May 2013	European Parliament	ENVI, JURI and IMCO Committees debates	Related documents	ENVI , JURI and IMCO draft agendas. ENVI (from 10:10:00) and IMCO (from 11:53:00) debates.
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	ENVI consideration of amendments; report of Linda MCAVAN MEP (S&D) IMCO : consideration of amendments; JURI : consideration of draft opinion ; JURI debate was not webstreamed. Rapporteur: Robbert Goebbles (S&D, LU)
27 May 2013	European Parliament	INTA Committee debate	Related documents	Draft agenda .
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	Considering of the draft opinion in INTA Committee Matin Kazak MEP (ALDE, BG)
13 May 2013	European Parliament	ITRE Committee debate	Related documents	Draft agenda of the 13 May meeting.
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	An exchange of views on the amendments on the ITRE Committee was preview, but finally did not take place. Rapporteur: Robbert Goebbles (S&D, LU)
13 May 2013	European Council	Council debate	Related documents	
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	Details seem to have been leaked from the Council to the industry, according to this article from Euractiv.
25 April 2013	European Parliament	AGRI Committee	Related documents	Video of the debate (from 10:22:00)

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		debate	Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	Consideration of the draft opinion in the AGRI Committee Csaba Sándor TABAJDI (S&D, HU)
24 April 2013	European Parliament	IMCO Committee debate	Related documents	Video of the debate (from 11:47:00)
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	Consideration of the draft opinion in the IMCO Committee Rapporteur: Małgorzata Handzlik (EPP,PL)
24 April 2013	European Parliament	ENVI Committee debate	Related documents	Video of the debate (from 16:44:00)
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	Consideration of the draft report on the ENVI Committee Publication of the draft report . Rapporteur: Linda McAvan (S&D, UK)
21 March 2013	European Parliament	ENVI and IMCO Committees debates	Related documents	
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	Exchange of views without the document in ENVI Committee; exchange of views, presentation of the proposal and the impact assessment in the IMCO Committee
19 March 2013	European Parliament	Tobacco Products Directive passes the subsidiarity test	Related documents	Europolitics piece on Tobacco Directive Passing the subsidiarity test.
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	
19 December 2012	European Commission	Release of the Directive	Related documents	The European Commission proposal for a directive 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 is released
			Possible impact	
			EPHA	EPHA Press Release - The revised Tobacco Directive - the beginning of the end of tobacco industry led policy-making? (19/12/2012)

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30 November 2012	European Commission	Inter-service consultation	Related documents	
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	Honoring his commitment, Commissioner Borg launches the Commission proposal for a revision of the Tobacco Products Directive in inter-service consultation.
28 November 2012	Council of the European Union	approval of the candidate	Related documents	
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	The Council of the European Union agrees on Tonio Borg's application. He is appointed as new EU Commissioner in charge of health and consumer policy.
21 November 2012	European Parliament	vote on the candidate	Related documents	
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	The Council of the European Union agrees on Tonio Borg's application. He is appointed as new EU Commissioner in charge of health and consumer policy.
13 November 2012	European Parliament	Commissioner-designate hearing In ENVI, AGRI and IMCO Committee	Related documents	
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	<p>A European Parliament hearing of the Commissioner-designate Tonio Borg takes place with Members of the European Parliament ENVI, AGRI and IMCO Committees. The hearing represents an opportunity for Mr Borg to present his views, ideas and programme if appointed as well as for MEPs to question him on a number of issues.</p> <p>On 15 November 2012, MEPs agree on a list of commitments the Commissioner candidate should undersign in order to win the endorsement. Amongst them is the short release of the Directive. This process allows him to go over the opposition expressed by a number of political groups, the ALDE and S&D groups notably.</p>

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20 October 2012	Member State (MALTA)	Member State nomination of a candidate	Related documents	
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	Malta Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi informed President Barroso of the country nomination for a Commissioner-designate: Tonio Borg, the Maltese Foreign Minister since 2008
17 October 2012	European Commission	Press conference	Related documents	
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	During a press conference, the Commission spokesperson announces that the legislative process of the Tobacco Products Directive is put on hold until the appointment of a new Commissioner
16 October 2012	European Commission	Commissioner Dalli resigns	Related documents	
			Possible impact	It can further delay the progress of the Directive
			EPHA Position	EPHA REACTION – European Commissioner for health and consumer policy resigns (18/10/2012) EPHA PUBLIC STATEMENT – Break-in will not distract EPHA (18/10/2012)
			Comments	3 NGOs' offices of organisations working in tobacco control (European Public Health Alliance – EPHA , Smoke Free Partnership – SFP, European Respiratory Society - ERS) were broken into and items stolen on 18 October 2012.
August 2012	European Commission	After finalising the impact assessments, the Commission proposal was ready to go through inter-service consultation	Related documents	PRESS RELEASE of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME - 25/09/2012)
			Possible impact	The inter-service consultation was stopped by a letter from the Commission Secretary General requesting additional review of the legal service
			EPHA Position	EPHA POSITION on the revision of Tobacco Products Directive 2011/37/EC (12/12/2011)
			Comments	
March 2012	Council European Parliament	Adoption of a list of 14 new health warnings to appear on tobacco packs	Related documents	REPORT OF THE COMMISSION on Tobacco packaging health warning Labels COMMISSION NEWS RELEASE
			Possible impact	<p>While it has been proven that the written health warnings that appear on tobacco packages do have an impact on consumer choices, they need to be regularly updated to maximise this impact.</p> <p>The adoption of 14 new written health warnings comes at a time when the revision of the Tobacco Products Directive represents one of the main public health challenges.</p>

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				Plain packaging and pictorial health warnings are amongst the most debated issues related to the revision of the Directive. Knowing that the combination of written and pictorial health warnings is likely to have a bigger impact on consumer choice (i.e not begin to smoke or quitting smoking), the newly adopted written health warnings can be saluted as an important step in tobacco control.
			EPHA Position	EPHA UPDATE - Fight against tobacco: new written health warnings adopted by the European Commission (14/03/2012)
			Comments	The Commission adopted a series of 14 new written health warnings to appear on cigarette packages.
February 2012	European Commission	European Commission proposal was ready to go to impact assessment	Related documents	The Commission work programme for 2012 - Annex
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	The revision of the TPD was regularly entire part of the Commission work program for 2010, 2011 and 2012
17 December 2010	European Commission	Public consultation on the policy options for the revision of the TPD	Related documents	Public Consultation Document of DG SANCO
			Possible impact	The result of the consultation shall be taken into account by the Commission when it drafts the revision of the TPD
			EPHA Position	EPHA UPDATE -European Commission launches public consultation on revision of Tobacco Products Directive 2001/13/EC (29/11/2011) EPHA POSTION – EPHA response to the Public Consultation on the possible revision of the Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC (12/12/2012)
			Comments	Following the common recommendations of the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention (ENSP), an EPHA member, and the Smoke Free Partnership, EPHA responded to the European Commission Open Consultation on the possible revision of the Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC.
December 2009	European Commission	Consultation on the interim report on the impact assessment	Related documents	
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	
19 March 2008	European Commission	Green Paper	Related documents	GREEN PAPER - Towards a Europe free from Tobacco smoke: policy options at EU level
			Possible impact	Assessing the economic, social and health impact and legal feasibility of the different policy options
			EPHA Position	EPHA UPDATE - Consultation meeting on Impact Assessments on Smoke-Free Environments. 19 March 2008 (01/04/2008)
			Comments	On 19 March 2008 the European Commission, DG Health and Consumer Protection (DG Sanco), held a consultation meeting to support the Commission's Impact Assessment on the forthcoming initiative on smoke-free environments.
November	European	Second report	Related	COM FINAL REPORT - Second Report on the Application of the Tobacco Products Directive (2007) 754

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2007	Commission	on the implementation of the Tobacco Products Directive (TPD)	documents	
			Possible impact	Article 11 of the Tobacco Products Directive (TPD) requires the Commission to regularly report to the European Parliament, the Council and the Economic and Social Committee on the application of the Directive.
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	<p>The first report on the application of the Directive was adopted on 27 July 2005. This report contains the second assessment of application of the Directive. It is largely based on the work done and information given by Member States in the Tobacco Products Regulatory Committee, as provided for under Article 10 of the Directive, during the last two years. The report incorporates views of stakeholders in the field of tobacco control as well as of the European Parliament and Member States. It also outlines potential areas for changes to the Directive in order to allow for a proper discussion with Member States and the European Parliament before the Commission considers submitting a formal proposal to amend the Directive.</p>
October 2007	European Parliament	EP resolution adopted in respect of the Green Paper of the COM	Related documents	European Parliament resolution of 24 October 2007 on the Green Paper 'Towards a Europe free from tobacco smoke: policy options at EU level'
			Possible impact	
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	
July 2005	European Commission	First report on the application of the Tobacco Products Directive	Related documents	COM FINAL REPORT - First Report on the application of the Tobacco Products Directive (2005) 339
			Possible impact	This report provides the first assessment of the application of the Directive. It is based on the feedback from Member States, largely in response to a questionnaire sent to all of them (EU25) in June 2004.
			EPHA Position	
			Comments	<p>The report takes into account recent developments and new scientific knowledge and incorporates views of stakeholders in the area of tobacco control. Given the short period of time since the transposition of the Directive, including the delays explained in Chapter 2, such experience is limited both at national and EU level. However, the Report demonstrates that the positive effects of the regulation of tobacco products are already emerging at EU level. This experience will also be useful in the global context. The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control² (FCTC) incorporates many of the concepts central to the Directive. The report does not include separate sections on tobacco products for oral use or roll-your own tobacco as the replies from the Member States did not provide any new information and as there was not enough new scientific information on ingredients that encourage addiction or on tobacco products that may have the potential to reduce harm. However, the Commission continues to follow closely scientific developments as regards different aspects of tobacco products and their health effects, including carcinogenic, cardiotoxic and dependence producing effects, and will cover any findings in detail in the next report. The report highlights areas that should be developed based on the first experience and in the light of new scientific and technical knowledge.</p>
June	European	EU signature of	Related	The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

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2003	Union	the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control	documents	Countries legally bound by the WHO FCTC
			Possible impact	<p>The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) is the first treaty negotiated under the auspices of the World Health Organization.</p> <p>The WHO FCTC is an evidence-based treaty that reaffirms the right of all people to the highest standard of health.</p> <p>The WHO FCTC represents a paradigm shift in developing a regulatory strategy to address addictive substances; in contrast to previous drug control treaties, the WHO FCTC asserts the importance of demand reduction strategies as well as supply issues.</p> <p>The WHO FCTC was developed in response to the globalization of the tobacco epidemic.</p> <p>The spread of the tobacco epidemic is facilitated through a variety of complex factors with cross-border effects, including trade liberalization and direct foreign investment.</p> <p>Other factors such as global marketing, transnational tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, and the international movement of contraband and counterfeit cigarettes have also contributed to the explosive increase in tobacco use.</p>
			EPHA Position	EPHA UPDATE - What does the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) mean for the EU? (29/02/2008)
			Comments	<p>By joining the WHO FCTC international agreement, the convention became legally binding for the EU as such.</p> <p>In order to ensure the application of the international agreement, the EU should adopt secondary legislations (Directives, Regulation, Resolutions)</p>