



Consultation on legislation in relation to the sale of tobacco products and non-medical nicotine delivery systems, including e-cigarettes

Submission from; The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI) - The Pharmacy Regulator

The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI) is an independent statutory body, established by the Pharmacy Act 2007. It is charged with, and is accountable for, the effective regulation of pharmacy services in Ireland, including responsibility for supervising compliance with the Act. It works for the public interest to protect the health and safety of the public by regulating the pharmacy profession and pharmacies.

The PSI welcomes this opportunity to make a submission to the Department of Health's public consultation on legislation in relation to the sale of tobacco products and non-medical nicotine delivery systems (NMNDS), including e-cigarettes.

The PSI strongly supports the recommendations contained in *Tobacco Free Ireland*, along with more stringent controls being put in place with regards to the sale of tobacco products and NMNDSs, including e-cigarettes. The PSI also welcomes the EU *Tobacco Products Directive* which outlines requirements to regulate e-cigarettes and similar products more effectively.

The PSI has previously issued guidance for pharmacists with regard to the PSI Position on Electronic Cigarettes, where it categorically states that, in the absence of appropriate regulation, "the PSI considers it would not be appropriate for any of these products to be offered for sale or supply in retail pharmacy businesses in Ireland".

Whilst the majority of the questions contained in this consultation would lie outside the remit of the PSI to comment on, we would support a prohibition of the sale of NMNDS to persons under 18 years of age, from a public health perspective.

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