



An Oifig Náisiúnta um Rialú Tobac
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Re: PQ Number: 24162/22

Dear Deputy Noel Grealish

The Minister has referred PQ ref 24162/22 to the Health Service Executive for a direct reply.

Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the Health Service Executive to make public and regularly update the publicly available version of the list of notified and compliant nicotine inhaling products that is, e-cigarettes and refill containers as held by the Executive in accordance with Regulation 26 of the European Union (Manufacture, Presentation and Sale of Tobacco and Related Products) Regulations 2016 (as amended).

Response: Manufacturers and importers of electronic cigarettes and refill containers notify information as set out in Regulation 26 of the EU (Manufacture, Presentation and Sale of Tobacco and Related Products) Regulations 2016 as amended for products they wish to place on the market in the Republic of Ireland to the Health Service Executive (HSE) via the EU Common Entry Gate, a database hosted by the European Commission. There are currently approximately 67,000 submissions made to the HSE for these product types. The HSE are not in a position to make a list of notified products available now or for the foreseeable future due to resource and technical limitations.

The HSE does not provide an approval system for electronic cigarettes or refill containers. The responsibility to ensure products are compliant when placed on the market in the republic of Ireland rests with both manufacturers and importers of these products. During the notification process, as outlined above, both manufacturers and importers must declare that the production process complies with all notification and quality and safety requirements while also providing a declaration that they bear full responsibility for the quality and safety of these products when they are placed on the market.

Yours sincerely,

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