

New EU anti-tobacco laws

The European Parliament has voted on measures to help curb smoking but stopped short of introducing more stringent regulation of the multi-billion-euro tobacco industry



PROPOSALS ACCEPTED

■ Phase out menthol cigarettes and other flavoured tobacco over next eight years

■ Health warnings to cover 65% of each side of cigarette pack – from current 30% minimum coverage on one side and 40% on other

PROPOSALS REJECTED

■ No ban on slim cigarettes

■ Electronic cigarettes will not be treated as medicinal products – move thought likely to restrict sales

EU Commission says Tobacco kills almost 700,000 Europeans a year, or one person every 45 seconds