

EU DIRECTIVE 2001/37/EC ON THE MANUFACTURE PRESENTATION AND SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The Department of Health has produced this paper in consultation with other UK Government Departments, the Scottish Executive, The Welsh Assembly, and Northern Ireland Assembly.

The paper seeks comments on the draft Regulations to implement EU Directive 2001/37/EC on the Manufacture, Presentation and Sale of Tobacco Products.

The Directive will perform several key functions:

- It will introduce new limits on tar, nicotine, and carbon monoxide yields of cigarettes.
- It will lay down new requirements for larger health warnings on tobacco products.
- It will require tobacco manufacturers to provide a wider range of information about the ingredients of tobacco products.

The Directive has been based in particular on Articles 95 and 133 of the Treaty establishing the European Community regarding the workings of the internal market. In addition, in accordance with Article 95(3) of the Treaty, the Directive takes as its basis a high level of health protection.

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