

Did E-Cigarette Users Notice the New European Union's E-Cigarette Legislation? Findings from the 2015–2017 International Tobacco Control (ITC) Netherlands Survey

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Abstract

This study examined to what extent e-cigarette users noticed the European Union's new legislation regarding e-cigarettes, and whether this may have influenced perceptions regarding addictiveness and toxicity. Data were obtained from yearly surveys (2015-2017) of the International Tobacco Control (ITC) Netherlands Survey. Descriptive statistics and Generalized Estimating Equations were applied. About a third of the e-cigarette users noticed the text warning (28%) and the leaflet (32%). When compared to tobacco-only smokers, e-cigarette users showed greater increases in perceptions regarding addictiveness ($\beta = 0.457$, $p = 0.045$ vs. $\beta = 0.135$, $p < 0.001$) and toxicity ($\beta = 0.246$, $p = 0.055$ vs. $\beta = 0.071$, $p = 0.010$). In conclusion, the new legislation's noticeability should be increased.

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