

# Consultation: E-Cig Regulation - Flavors

The scientific evidence concerning the planned regulation has been presented to you repeatedly and more competently than I could. So I'll try and focus on how and why these regulations would affect numerous people.

## My Story

At 50, I was a smoker for over 30 years, and I enjoyed smoking. I had no intention to quit. I was just curious, what all the negative fuzz was about. So I tried it.

First I tried "tobacco" flavors. That tasted not bad, but not like smoke. More like unburned tobacco smells. It wasn't good enough to be a viable alternative for me. Only when I tried other flavors I found that I could enjoy that more than smoking. So I switched. That was nine years ago, in 2012. I still love "Green Tea with Peppermint", fruity flavors, sweets, and other tastes like "Cheesecake", "Whiskey" and "Hot Chocolate".

Without this alternative I would still be smoking cigarettes. And I would never have found how much my health could improve. I was actually surprised when, after a few weeks, the annoying smoker's cough was gone for good. And now I hardly ever get a cold, but if I do, it's over in a few days.

Most other former smokers have successfully tried vaping explicitly to stop smoking. Besides my story you can read thousands of others here:

[https://casaa.org/\\_testimonials/?search\\_title=zillatron](https://casaa.org/_testimonials/?search_title=zillatron)

Please take the time and get an impression of how we feel about vaping.

## Minors

First of all, there are laws that prohibit the sale to minors. They should be enforced. And they should be good enough to protect the children. Or they aren't worth the paper they are printed on.

But then, we all were juveniles once. Remember? Even the most obedient youngsters got to a point when they considered themselves more adult than the "Old People" gave them credit for. We just had to try the "Forbidden Fruit" to prove it to ourselves. And what did we try? The childish flavors? No! It had to be what we considered the really adult stuff.

# Flavors

It was adult smokers who first experimented with non-tobacco flavors. We had the demand and that created the supply of a growing variety of fancy flavors long before any of the media and concern claiming “experts” invented that as hypothetical “danger”. WE need lots of different flavors to satisfy individual preferences. Without them most smokers will fail to switch completely, since an important factor would be missing. Current vapers would resort to “home cooking”, the inevitable black market, or despair and return to smoking cigarettes.

## A look to the USA

In the USA there is a patchwork of bans. Cities, counties, and states have instates different types of bans. But they all have something in common: The more the access to vaping products was restricted, the more the smoking rates soon went up again, where before they were falling. Among adults and minors.

Do you really want to copy a bad example?

Please consider the consequences for ALL people.

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