



By Email

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The Chairman and Clerk
Panel of Health Services
Legislative Council
HKSAR

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Legislative Proposal to Regulate Electronic Cigarettes and Other New Tobacco Products

I am writing on behalf of the Nethersole School of Nursing, Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, to SUPPORT the Government's legislative proposal to regulate electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and other new smoking products, including heat-not-burn (HNB) tobacco products.

Tobacco use and passive smoking have been proved harmful to health. Over the years, the Government has been taking forward various tobacco control measures progressively through a multi-pronged approach comprising publicity, education, legislation, enforcement, taxation and smoking cessation. However, with the rapid emergence of e-cigarettes and HNB tobacco products, to safeguard public health, the School fully SUPPORTS the Government's proposal on amending the Smoking (Public) Health Ordinance to strengthen the regulation of these new tobacco products, similar to conventional tobacco products. I believe through legislation, it would help increase the effectiveness of tobacco control and protect the public health especially the younger generation who are particularly vulnerable to the marketing strategies of these new tobacco products.

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me at 3943 6218 or via email at whchan@cuhk.edu.hk or Ms Janis Chiu at 3943 1251 or via email at janischiu@cuhk.edu.hk.

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