

SFAC briefing: Standardised Packaging of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products - Children and Families Bill

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The SFAC supports amendments to the Children and Families Bill which would give the Secretary of State the power to introduce regulations requiring the standardised packaging of cigarettes and other tobacco products. These amendments are due to be debated at the end of Committee Stage of the Bill in the House of Lords which is expected to be Monday 18th November.

There is a cross-party, cross-bench amendment tabled by Lord Faulkner (Labour), Baroness Finlay (Crossbencher), Lord McColl (Conservative) and Baroness Tyler (Liberal Democrat) and a strengthening amendment tabled by Labour which means the Secretary of State “must” make regulations rather than “may”. The SFAC supports both sets of amendments which come after clause 88 of the Bill and can be viewed [here](#).

A detailed briefing has been distributed to peers and is available to download as a [pdf](#).

In addition, a second amendment on smoking in cars has been moved by Baroness Finlay (Crossbench) and Lord Faulkner (Labour). This amendment would see legislation prohibiting smoking in cars in the presence of any children who are under the age of 18.

The full marshalled list of amendments to the Children and Families Bill is available [here](#).