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King Size Lighters

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Can be sold in the market as:

- **XXL Lighters**
- **Giant Lighters**
- **Jumbo Lighters**
- **Other similar name**



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Characteristics:

- **Very large size**
- **High content of fuel**
- **New product in the market (2010)**
- **High risk product**
- **Low quality product (majority)**



Economic Operators Opinion:

- Due to their large size (more than 10cm), economic operators have tried to classify those lighters as utility lighters.



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Joint Action Opinion:

- **Even the lighters are very large, their intended use is for ignition of cigarettes.**
- **Taking into consideration the above, king-size lighters should fulfill the same safety requirements as the normal cigarette lighters.**



Safety requirements:

1. **Comply with EN ISO 9994:2006.**
2. **Falling under the provisions of Commission Decision 2006/502/EC as last amended by Commission Decision 2012/53/EC**
 - **Child-resistance.**
 - **Novelty lighters.**



Other Safety Aspects:

1. It is easier for children to ignite a King-Size Lighter - Difference in the size affects the child resistance properties .

➔ It is not possible to declare a King Size Lighter as child-resistance by cross-referencing it with a child-resistance lighter of normal size.



Other Safety Aspects :

2. When transported, they must meet all the relevant requirements of ADL convention.

➔ The maximum permissible amount of fuel in a lighter is 10 grams.



What is the experience so far?:

1. The majority of the **XXL** lighters do not comply with the **Safety Requirements**.
2. **Economic Operators** fail to provide reports of **child-resistance tests** by **accredited testing bodies**.
3. **Number of counterfeit test reports**.
4. **Large number of critical non-compliances**.
5. **High risk of explosion on high temperatures**.



Proposed ways forward:

- **Laying down requirements limiting the maximum amount of fuel in lighters (e.g. in the standards)**
- **Child Resistance Tests: should take into account the difference in the size for such lighters.**



**Joint Follow-up Market Surveillance Action on
Child-Resistant Lighters and Novelty Lighters**

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