



The Business Owner/Director

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Dear Business Owner/Director,

**Re: The Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (England) Regulations 2024
Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013**

We are contacting you as your local Trading Standards authority, as your business has been identified as selling single use/disposable vapes.

This letter is to make you aware, if you were not aware already, that the sale of **single use/disposable vapes will be banned from 1st June 2025**. This means it will be an offence to supply, offer for supply or possess for supply single-use vapes after this date. This applies to all vapes whether or not they contain nicotine.

Single use/disposable vapes are any vape that is **not** refillable and rechargeable. You must ensure that you have no single use/disposable vapes in stock by 1st June 2025.

We will be conducting visits after 1st June to ensure that no single use/disposable vapes are being sold. Trading Standards have powers to seize any vapes that are not compliant, as well as issue notices or fines.

Vapes are electrical items, which are covered by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013. As a seller you must offer a 'take back' service. This means that you accept vapes (including single-use vapes returned after the ban comes into force) and vape parts (such as used pods, coils or batteries) that your customers return to you to be recycled. You should ensure that returns are stored safely to minimise any fire risk and recycled on a regular basis.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/single-use-vapes-ban>



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<https://www.businesscompanion.info/en/quick-guides/underage-sales/tobacco-and-vapes>

If you have any questions, please email tradingstandards@westminster.gov.uk or call 0207 641 2000.

Yours sincerely

Westminster Trading Standards Service