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trading standards law explained

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To fully understand this guidance, it is important to note the difference between the United Kingdom and Great Britain:

- UK: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- GB: England, Scotland and Wales

In this guide, the words 'must' or 'must not' are used where there is a legal requirement to do (or not do) something. The word 'should' is used where there is established legal guidance or best practice that is likely to help you avoid breaking the law.

How the law may affect you

The laws that regulate the manufacture, supply and sale of vaping products are wide-ranging, with some vaping-specific laws evolving rapidly to keep pace with the development of new and innovative products, safety matters and the changing consumer landscape. Therefore, it is essential that you understand the law and keep up to date with new and amended legislation.

The legal compliance obligations that apply to you depend on your position within the vaping product supply chain.

Those who sell vaping products to the general public ('suppliers' as the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 term them) operate downstream from manufacturers and importers ('producers') within the vaping product supply chain, and have slightly different but equally important legal compliance obligations.

To this end, suppliers should have a detailed knowledge and understanding of producers' legal obligations, so that they are able to fulfil their own.

Check each section of this guide for an explanation of how the law applies to you.

[> Manufacturing, importing or selling vapes](#)

