

Note on single use (disposable) vapes new in-store takeback obligation



The Northern Ireland Environment Agency is issuing this note to increase awareness of the new legal obligation on businesses who supply or sell single use (disposable) vapes to provide an in-store takeback service.

The Office for Products and Safety Standards (OPSS) enforces this requirement in the UK as the national regulator.

Single use (disposable) vapes are covered by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations 2013.

All businesses selling vapes **MUST** have a waste vape bin in-store. This is now a legal requirement.

All vape retailers **MUST** takeback all vapes regardless, of make, model or brand. Refusing to offer in-store takeback is an offence, including illicit vapes.

OPSS have produced the following guidance video

Compliance by Vape Retailers - OPSS V7

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=er2KKydli2k>

Further enquiries?

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