



Advice for retailers of e-cigarettes and nicotine-containing e-liquids

This advice is issued by [MHRA](#) to help retailers to check e-cigarette and e-liquid products for compliance with the [Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016](#).

Product requirements

These apply to e-cigarettes (including rebuildable devices, those sold without nicotine content and components and replacement parts) and to e-liquids (refill containers for e-cigarettes):

- Maximum tank size of an e-cigarette, 2ml (when assembled if necessary)
- Maximum strength of nicotine-containing liquid if present, 20mg/ml nicotine
- Maximum volume of a nicotine-containing refill container, 10ml
- Tamper-evident and child-resistant packaging

Labelling requirements

On pack as sold (must be on bottle or device if no outer packaging):

- List of ingredients in nicotine-containing liquid, if present
- Indication of nicotine content and delivery per dose
- Batch number
- Recommendation to keep the product out of the reach of children
- Prominent health warning in black text on a white background on front and back - "This product contains nicotine which is a highly addictive substance"
- Prohibited on packs – offers and discounts, product safety / health claims

Unless all these details are included on the pack, an accompanying leaflet must include:

- Instructions for use and storage, including instructions for refilling where appropriate
- Contra-indications, warnings for specific risk groups and possible adverse effects, addictiveness and toxicity
- Contact details of the producer; also a contact within the EU if the producer is based outside the EU

Exceptions where these are not required

- Identical replacement parts where you and the consumer can clearly identify from the labelling the notified e-cigarette product for which the part is a replacement
- Parts such as battery units that do not come into contact with nicotine-containing liquid when in use
- A disposable e-cigarette or e-liquid product containing 0mg nicotine when sold

Notification requirements

Always check with your supplier that the products you are offered have been notified to MHRA. You can verify this by checking our published [lists of notified products](#), updated weekly. If a product has not been notified the manufacturer or importer may not supply it to you.

Are you a producer?

You are a producer if you manufacture, import into the UK or add different branding to an e-cigarette or e-liquid product. Information for producers on product notification requirements is available [here](#).

Product safety issues

Side effects and safety concerns with e-cigarettes or e-liquids (refill containers) can be reported to MHRA through the [Yellow Card](#) reporting system.

Products suspected to be defective or non-compliant to local Trading Standards or to TPDsafety@mhra.gov.uk.

Do feel free to pass this message on to consumers on your website and in your shop.

Further advice

More detailed information is available on our web [page](#) together with links to advice on other areas not the responsibility of MHRA such as advertising and cross-border selling.

Additional advice may be available from your local Trading Standards team or by contacting MHRA at info@mhra.gov.uk.

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