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Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your email of 30 July about the recent disposable vapes ban. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area and I apologise for the delay in responding.

As you will be aware, the UK government is required, under Article 5.3 of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, to protect public policy from the commercial and other vested interests of tobacco companies. The Department has noted the issues you have raised in your letter and will be publishing both this and your correspondence.

The single-use vapes regulations include a requirement that all replacement parts for vapes, including pods, are made separately available for sale. If vape manufacturers were to create products without making replacement parts available then these products would not be compliant with the regulations. As part of our [business guidance](#) we advise that retailers should also stock replacement parts, such as pod refills.

Since April 2024, it has been compulsory for all businesses selling vapes to provide their customers with a vape recycling bin and arrange for these vapes to be collected by a verified recycling service. Since this obligation came into force in April, businesses across the UK have introduced 10,500 vape takeback bins into their stores, enabling their customers to correctly and safely recycle their used vaping products. This change has helped to make recycling vaping products more accessible to consumers and prevents the littering or incorrect disposal of vapes. As is standard for this type of legislation, there will also be a post implementation review 5 years after the date it came into force.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact me about this important issue.

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