Disposable Vaping Ban In Detail



Background

The Government have announced draft legislation to ban single-use vapes from 1 June 2025. You can read the The Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (England) Regulations 2024 here.

Officially, these regulations apply to England only. However, we expect all four nations of the United Kingdom to fall in line with the regulations and the effective date of 1 June 2025. From that date, products will only be compliant if they are **Refillable** and **Rechargeable**.

The legislation focuses on what is a disposable vape. Our guide below focuses on what will be compliant to help you understand what to stock. Please note that this legislation is draft and is therefore subject to change.

No single use disposable vape will be legal to sell in any retailer or wholesaler from 1st June 2025

Test 1: Is it a Refillable Vape?

A vape needs to pass **one** of two criteria to be considered refillable:

Criteria 1: Includes a *single-use container* which is *separately available* and *can be replaced by an individual user in the normal course of use.* [Regulation 3(2)(a)]

A single-use container would be a Pod, as used with Closed Pod systems, or alternatively a 10ml bottle or cartridge as used with some "Big Puff" devices. In either case, *refills must be available for sale* and *easily replaceable* by the user. Note pods that include a coil are limited to a 2ml capacity under other legislation.

OR

Criteria 2: Includes a *container* which can be refilled by an individual user in the normal course of use [Regulation 3(2)(b)]

A container means an Open Tank or Open Pod that the user can refill easily from, usually, a 10ml bottle.

Note that under separate legislation tanks, clearomisers and open pods are limited to 2ml capacity and refill bottles (or containers) are limited to 10ml.

Test 2: Is it a Rechargeable Vape? A vape needs to pass **both** below criteria to be considered rechargeable:

Criteria 1: Contains a battery that can be recharged [Regulation 3(3)(a)]

Quite simply, it must be rechargeable.

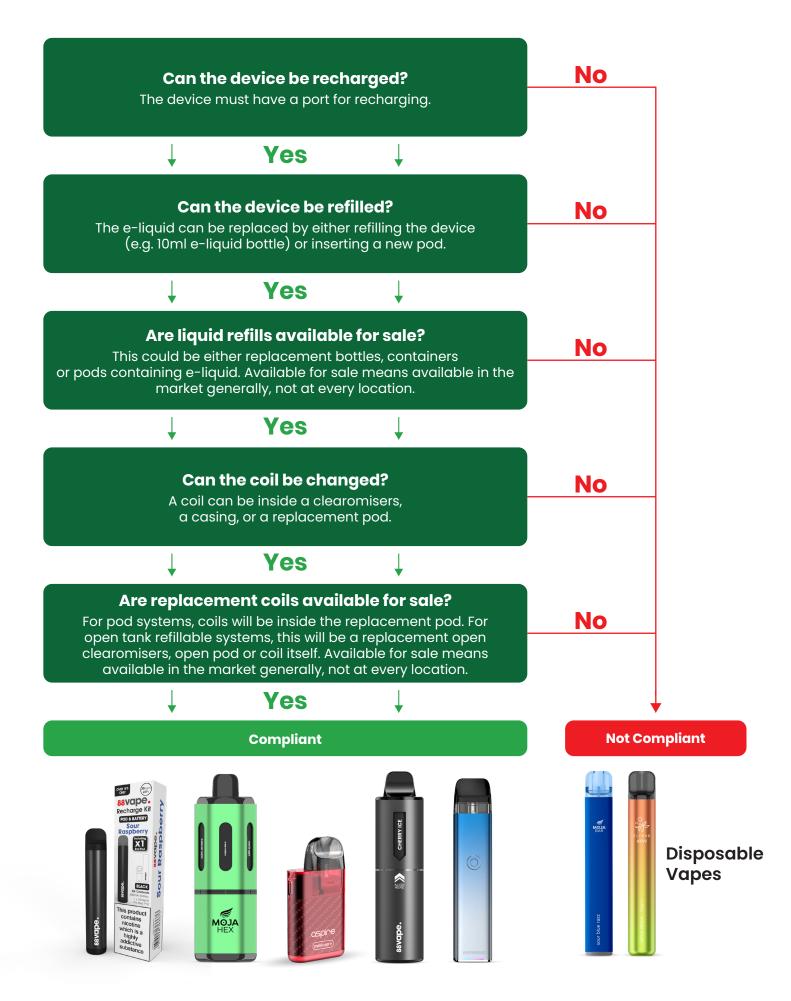


Criteria 2: Contains a coil which is **separately available** and intended to be **replaced by an individual user in the normal course of use**, including any coil which is contained in a single-use cartridge or pod which is separately available and can be replaced by an individual user in the normal course of use. [Regulation 3(2)(b)]

The coil might be inside the open tank, open pod, or replacement closed pod. In all cases, **as long as the replacement coils are available for sale** (whether alone, inside a tank or inside a pod) and they are easy to replace they will be compliant. Where the coil cannot be easily replaced or replacements aren't for sale, the product is not compliant.

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Example Compliant Products



