

Important information from trading standards for tobacco products

From 20 May 2016 there are new laws on selling tobacco and tobacco related products. It is important that you keep to these laws.

There are two new laws - we have outlined the basic requirements below:

Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016

Applies to the following products:

- Cigarettes/Cigarillos
- Hand rolling tobacco (HRT) and pipe tobacco
- Water-pipe tobacco (tobacco shisha)
- Blunts (tobacco leaf rolling paper)
- Smokeless tobacco (chewing/snuff)
- Novel tobacco products (e-cigarettes)

This law makes the following changes:



Health warnings

- They must be in English
- They will cover 65% of the front and back of packet
- Applies to all tobacco products

Herbal tobacco products

- Must have the following warning:
Smoking this product damages your health

Chewing tobacco

- Must have the following warning: **This tobacco product damages your health and is addictive**

Flavouring and additives in cigarettes and HRT will be banned from 20 May 2016

- Menthol cigarettes can be sold until May 2020 as long as they comply with other legislation (eg plain packaging)

E-Cigarettes advertising and promotion

- Similar restrictions apply to e-cigarettes, as already apply to tobacco products (e.g. age restriction, ban on advertising and free gift promotions, etc.)

Labelling and ingredients

- Tar levels and other ingredient information should no longer be present on the outer packaging.

Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015

Applies ONLY to the following products:

- Cigarettes
- Hand rolling tobacco (HRT)

This law makes the following changes:

- These are the plain packaging regulations.
- Cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco (HRT) must be in plain packaging.

Compliant stock will have to have the following:

- No graphics, logos or colours
- Only the brand name, health warning and UK Tax stamp
- Smoking cessation number/website
- Olive/Green (Pantone 448C) colour packs
- A minimum of pack size 20 (cigarettes)
- A minimum pouch size of 30g (HRT)
- Standard size of product packaging
- Restrictions on labelling of cigarette sticks

Example of cigarettes plain packaging:



Example of hand rolling tobacco plain packaging:



- Flavours are banned from cigarettes and HRT
- But are not banned from shisha, cigars, etc.
- But these products cannot state such flavours on their label due to the new packaging rules.

**All non-compliant stock must be sold by 20 May 2017
- any items found after this date may be subject to legal action.**

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