



REQUEST 18719

Please provide the following information separately for each calendar year from 2020 to 2025 (up to latest available data), unless requested otherwise.

Section 1. Number of illegal products seized, in the below categories:

- How many units of the following products were seized in total?
 - Any e-cigarettes/vaping devices/e-liquid products
 - Single-use disposable vaping devices (post-1st June, 2025)
 - Cigarette or hand-rolling tobacco packs
 - Tobacco-free nicotine pouches

Section 2. Information on enforcement:

- How many Trading Standards inspections of premises selling vaping devices, cigarettes and tobacco, or nicotine pouch products have taken place?
- How many reports of tobacco-free nicotine pouches being sold to persons under the age of 18 have you received?

RESPONSE

1. Figures are recorded April to March. Cigarettes are recorded as sticks and tobacco recorded as Kg.
 - E-cigarettes
2020/21 – 0
2021/22 – 0
2022/23 – 0
2023/24 – 17906
2024/25 – 5678
 - Single use Vapes
We are not able to identify this figure separately from the records held for all vape types seized.
 - Cigarettes /Tobacco
2020/21 – 6240 Cigarettes No Tobacco
2021/22 – 17,700 Cigarettes 2.85Kg Tobacco
2022/23 – 146,540 Cigarettes 23Kg Tobacco
2023/24 – 122,938 Cigarettes 8.2Kg Tobacco
2024/25 – 55,069 Cigarettes 25.9kg Tobacco
 - Tobacco-free nicotine pouches
None

2.

We are not able to identify this specific figure from the records held. Trading Standards inspections take place for a number of reasons.

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Section 3. For the below questions, we request the individual data for a) Illegal vaping devices, b) Illegal single-use disposable vaping devices (post-1st June, 2025), and c) Illegal cigarette/hand-rolling tobacco products:

3.

- The number of identified cases of illegal products being in possession of, stocked, or sold by businesses or individuals
- How many (count of) fines or penalties have been issued for being in possession of, stocking, or selling the illegal products?

Number of cases – 1

- E-Cigarettes
2020/21 – 0
2021/22 – 0
2022/23 – 0
2023/24 – 24
2024/25 – 25

- Single Use Vapes
We are not able to identify this figure separately from the records held for all vape types seized.

- Cigarettes/Tobacco
2020/21 – 1
2021/22 – 8
2022/23 – 20
2023/24 – 17
2024/25 – 18

- What was the total value in £ pound sterling of fines issued by your local authority for illegal vapes?

- This authority has not issued fixed penalty fines. Matters are dealt with by the courts.