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Welsh Parliament
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18 June 2025

Dear Elin,

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 I am notifying you that this statutory instrument, the Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2025, will come into force on 19 June, less than 21 days after it has been laid. A copy of the instrument and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum are attached for your information.

The Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (“the amending Regulations”) amend the Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (Wales) Regulations 2024 (“the 2024 Regulations”). The amending Regulations will confer a new power, to allow local authority enforcement officers who have seized single-use vapes (and their components), to retain them for the purposes of disposing them as waste as directed under Regulation 12 of the 2024 Regulations.

The amendment is required because at present, the 2024 Regulations allow the Welsh Ministers to direct local authority regulators to dispose of single-use vapes as waste, but local authority enforcement officers lack the ability to retain single-use vapes, that they have seized, to comply with such a direction.

The amendment does not alter the policy (nor its impact) in any significant way nor how it is applied in each situation.

The 2024 Regulations came into force on 1 June 2025. Therefore, not adhering to the 21-day convention will ensure the 2024 Regulations are corrected as soon as is practicably possible, ensuring that the ban created by the 2024 Regulations is given its full effect in the soonest possible time.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am copying this letter to Jane Hutt MS, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Chief Whip and Trefnydd, Mike Hedges MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Matthew Richards, Interim Director of Senedd Business, Bethan Davies, Head of Chamber and Committee Services, Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name 'Huw Irranca-Davies'.

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