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**Important information from Trading Standards for Tobacco Products**

**From 20th May 2016 there are new laws on selling of tobacco and tobacco related products.**

**It is important that you keep to these laws.**

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| **There are 2 new laws - we have outlined the basic requirements below:** |
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| **Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016** |  | **Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015** |
| Applies to the following products:- | Applies **ONLY** to the following products:- |
| * Cigarettes / Cigarillos
* Hand rolling tobacco & pipe tobacco
* Water-pipe tobacco (tobacco shisha)
* Blunts (tobacco leaf rolling paper)
* Smokeless tobacco (chewing / snuff)
* Novel tobacco products (e-cigarettes)
 | * Cigarettes
* Hand Rolling Tobacco (HRT)
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| **This law makes the following changes:** | **The 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?** | **These are the plain packaging regulations.** Cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco (HRT) must be in plain packaging. |
| **Herbal Tobacco Products*** Must have the following warning:

**“Smoking this product damages your health.”** | **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.

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| **Chewing Tobacco*** Must have the following warning:

**“This tobacco product damages your health and is addictive”** |
| **Flavouring & additives in cigarettes & HRT will be banned from 20th May 2016*** Menthol cigarettes are able to be sold until May 2020– **as long as they comply with other legislation (e.g. plain packaging)**
 | **Example of Cigarettes plain packaging:-****Example of Hand rolling tobacco plain packaging:-** |
| **E-Cigarettes advertising & promotion*** Similar restrictions apply to

e-cigarettes, as already apply to tobacco products (e.g. age restriction, ban on advertising & free gift promotions, etc.) |
| **Labelling & Ingredients*** Tar levels and other ingredient information should no longer be present on the outer packaging.
 | * Flavours are banned from cigarettes & 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.** |
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| **All non-compliant stock must be sold by 20th May 2017** **– any items found after this date may be subject to legal action.** |

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