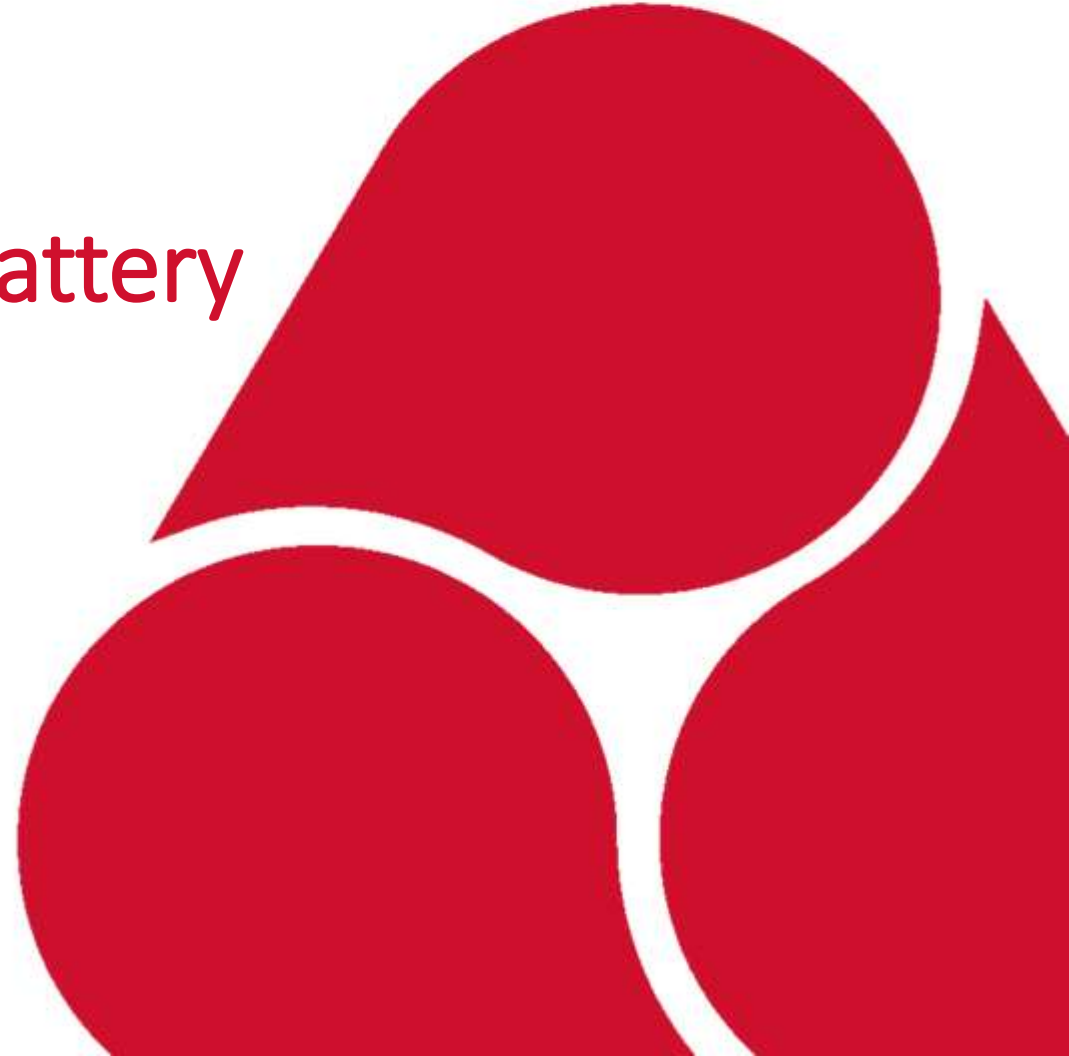




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OPSS Enforcement for WEEE & Battery Takeback Regulations

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A Small Introduction...



Department for
Business & Trade

- OPSS – Part of the Department for Business & Trade.
- Supporting businesses to invest, grow and export, creating jobs and opportunities.
- We protect people and places from product-related harm.
- Enable trade and growth by ensuring consumers and businesses can buy and sell products with confidence.



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What do we do?



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

Main Environmental Regulations for Defra:

- Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE)
- Waste Industrial & Automotive Batteries
- Waste Portable Batteries take-back.
- Restrictions of Hazardous Substances (RoHS)





Our Enforcement approach.

We have to consider:

- The Regulators Code
- The Growth Duty
- OPSS Enforcement Policy and Guidance.

This means our actions have to be:

- proportionate,
- consistent,
- targeted,
- transparent and
- accountable





Our enforcement tools

- Warning Letters
 - ✓ 70% success rate
 - Direct Engagement by unannounced business visits
 - ✓ 100% success rate
 - Advice and Guidance
 - ✓ GOV.UK
 - ✓ Business companion
 - ✓ ACS
 - ✓ Material Focus
 - ✓ Social Media
 - Primary Authority (146,000 partnerships)
 - Local Partnership with businesses
 - Business Reference Panel
 - Supermarket Roundtable
 - Trade Bodies & Stakeholders
 - ACS, BRC, FSB, IBVITA, UKVIA
 - Stakeholders
 - Material Focus
 - Recycling Industry
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Enforcement Challenges

- The Challenges

- Businesses lacking the understanding
- Businesses worrying about all WEEE being brought back to them
- Cost
- Scheme based
- Producer or distributor
- Why should I?

- Overcoming these challenges

- ✓ By providing advice and guidance including free compliance workshops
- ✓ Direct communication
- ✓ Speaking at similar events
- ✓ Laying out simple steps (Vape Retailer Video)



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Enforcement so far...

- Businesses enforced
 - ✓ 2200
 - Types of businesses enforcement on
 - ✓ large pharmaceutical and beauty company
 - ✓ Worldwide laptop company
 - ✓ UK Supermarkets
 - ✓ Hardware stores
 - ✓ Battery retailers
 - ✓ The kitchen industry
 - Working with Material Focus on a joint agency webinar for vape retailers.
 - Over 5000 vapes bins rollout amongst 4 major UK supermarkets.
 - Supporting DEFRA on the rollout of the single use vape ban.
 - Working with DEFRA on the WEEE consultation.
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Enforcement Priorities

- Enforcement Campaign for Vapes
 - ✓ ACS guidance for Vape retailers (49,000 members)
 - ✓ Working across government
 - ✓ Vape retailer video (over 15,000 views)
 - ✓ Raise awareness
 - ✓ Vape retailers (5000)
 - ✓ Roll out waste vape bins
- Enforcement for WEEE & Battery takeback
 - ✓ Targeted compliance checks & visits
 - ✓ Roll out Distributor Takeback Scheme phase 7
 - ✓ Supermarkets compliance checks





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Thank you for your support



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