

Message to vaping retailers

Background



Earlier this year, the Government of Canada introduced amendments to the Excise Act, 2001 to implement a new excise duty framework on vaping products. These amendments became law on June 23, 2022. The new framework applies to vaping products that are manufactured in Canada or imported, and that are intended for use in a vaping device in Canada.



Effective October 1, 2022, manufacturers and importers of the vaping products sold in your stores are required to be licensed or registered with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), must pay an excise duty on the vaping product and must affix a vaping excise stamp to indicate that duty was paid.

Next steps

Between October 1 and December 31, you may notice a transition from unstamped to stamped vaping products being delivered to your retail establishment. As of January 1, 2023, only stamped duty paid vaping products can be received.

As a vaping retailer, you can take the following steps to ensure you are following the law:



Ensure that your suppliers are aware of the new excise duty framework on vaping products and their new obligations including the stamping requirements for vaping products packaged or imported on or after October 1st, 2022.



Starting January 1, 2023, you must not be in possession of unstamped packaged vaping products. After this date, you can only sell vaping products that have a vaping excise stamp affixed to the product.

The CRA recommends that you contact your suppliers to make arrangements for the returns or destruction of unstamped vaping products prior to January 1, 2023. If you are in possession of unstamped vaping products as of January 1, 2023, you may be subject to enforcement action which can include fines or imprisonment.

Additional information



For additional details on the excise duty, visit Canada.ca/vaping-excise, call 1-866-330-3304 or send an email to LPVAPINGG@cra-arc.gc.ca

