



BATTERY STEWARDSHIP GUIDE - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Welcome to the executive summary of the Independent British Vape Trade Association (IBVTA) guide to battery stewardship. The IBVTA exists to provide the independent vaping sector with a voice, and offers members a comprehensive range of benefits to support their business in areas such as product stewardship and regulatory compliance. Utilizing the sector-leading expertise of the IBVTA's steering committee, with significant engagement from external stakeholders, we have produced the first comprehensive guide to battery stewardship for the UK vaping sector. The guide will assist any size vape business, producer or vendor, with compliance for supply to the UK market of vaping devices containing integrated batteries and portable batteries for use in vaping devices.

The document content is broken down into detailed sections, designed to make the guide easy to navigate for persons engaged at any point in the supply chain, regardless of their technical and/or regulatory experience. Several sections also include Best Practice Guidance, providing readers of any experience level a clear take-home message from the section.

Topics include:

- **Relevant regulations** for the supply of vaping devices with integrated batteries and/or portable batteries to the UK market. E.g., The Electromagnetic Compatibility Regulations 2016, RoHS 2012, REACH (SVHC), CE marking of Vaping Devices.
- **Product safety** including Product Safety Incident Plan (PSIP), traceability, monitoring and corrective action plan.
- **Battery standards** including specific requirements and tests according to EC EN 62133-2:2017.
- **Shipping** with detail of applicable UN regulation, packaging and labelling requirements.
- **UN Transportation Testing (UN38.3)** for lithium cells and batteries.
- **Environmental disposal** – WEEE 2013, Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009.
- **Consumer rights** with practical guidance for business on the requirements of the Consumer Rights Act 2015.
- **Product liability** with helpful best practice guidance for vendors.
- **Useful links** to relevant regulations and guidance.

The IBVTA's battery stewardship guide offers your business a unique reference document, bringing together all the relevant regulation and guidance. This comprehensive guide has been produced with significant contribution by Kent County Council Trading Standards, the IBVTA's primary authority partnership uniquely focused on the independent vaping sector. Additional contributing UK government stakeholders include the Office for Product Safety & Standards (OPSS) and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

This comprehensive guide is just one of a range of benefits available through the IBVTA to support your business, come and join us today! [Join up as a member](#) or [contact us](#) with any questions you might have. Alternatively, to buy the IBVTA's Battery Stewardship Guide (PDF Format) for the one-off price of £50, please email us at info@ibvta.org.uk.