

APPENDIX A**ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMME FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS 2017/18**

The Service will:

- Use an 'intelligence led' approach to achieve compliance with statutory controls and to respond to complaints alleging the illegal sale of tobacco products to young persons.
- Allied to other enforcement activities, in particular other statutory controls for underage sales, undertake checks for compliance.
- Carry out one test purchase project, which involves 'test purchasing' undertaken by child volunteers. In carrying out this work due regard will be given to the Better Regulation Delivery Office's Code of Practice relating to Age Restricted Products.
- Work in partnership with other enforcement agencies to tackle the problem of underage sales, and of counterfeit and smuggled tobacco products.
- Monitor the display of statutory notices, the restrictions on the display for sale of tobacco products, the plain packaging requirements and the labelling of products, as part of the Trading Standards Service's broader inspection work at retail premises.
- Continue to enforce the prohibition of tobacco sales from vending machines.
- Promote through the media and by other means, information about controls and penalties.
- Liaise with other agencies to help identify problem areas or businesses in order to better target resources.
- Deal with alleged offences in accordance with the Trading Standards Service's Enforcement Policy, including putting matters before the Courts where appropriate.

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