

## SCOTTISH GROCER FEATURE SYNOPSIS

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### Vaping

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- *We're keen to have opinions, thoughts and predictions on the following topical issues as well as general market information such as market share, market trends and details of brand activity.*
- *It's always very useful to receive images – 300 dpi if possible. Good images include product shots, pictures of people quoted in the copy, and pictures of advertising and marketing activity.*
- *And please feel free to provide anything else you think is relevant.*

Despite forthcoming legislation, there can be no denying the popularity of the vaping category within convenience. In this feature, we will look at the different formats and variants available in stores, as well as offer some key advice for retailers looking to up their game in the vaping section ahead of the new regulations. We would welcome comments on the following:

- How are vaping products performing in convenience? What are the key trends? Where are the areas of growth?
- With so many brands and a decent amount of jargon, vaping can be a confusing category for consumers and retailers alike: what advice can you offer for those looking to improve their knowledge and communicate effectively with customers? What resources are available for retailers and consumers?
- What flavours and formats are proving popular at present and how do you see this changing under the new legislation? How can retailers with limited space ensure they're ticking the right boxes with their vape range?
- What advice do you have for retailers looking to demonstrate responsible retailing in the category given the major changes being introduced through the legislation?
- What steps has your brand taken to ensure it remains a strong seller for retailers following on from the disposable vapes ban in 2025? What trends are you seeing in respect to refillable devices?
- What are your plans for the incoming tax on vaping products and other new rules set to be introduced in 2026?
- There remains great concern over the number of youth vapers in the UK – what steps has your brand taken to show it is exclusively geared to an adult market? How

big an issue is the counterfeit and illicit trade for the vaping category? What steps are brands taking to support legitimate retailers and to combat the illicit trade?

- Do you have any NPD or campaigns you would like to shout about?