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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI677457444

Thank you for your request for information relating to Illegal vape seizures.

You have requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024:

1. How many illegal disposable vapes, e-cigarettes, or e-liquids were seized?

We confirm that a total of 7,061 illegal vaping products were seized within the timeframe given.

2. How many cases were identified where a business was found to be stocking or in possession of illegal vaping products?

Businesses were found to be stocking and offering illegal vaping products for sale on a total of 56 occasions.

3. How many illegal nicotine pouches were seized?

A total of 948 illegal nicotine pouches were seized.

4. How many fines were issued in total related to the above cases?

Nil. Our service issue closure orders against non-compliant traders, along with orders for the associated costs of bringing the action forward. This is seen as a far more effective deterrent than pursuing prosecutions which usually result in fairly low-level fines.

5. What is the total monetary value of all fines issued?

Not applicable. Please refer to our response to Question 4.

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Yours faithfully

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