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Notice for Tobacco and Vapour Product Retailers in British Columbia – Amendment to the Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Regulation to streamline warning decal requirements.

This notice is to inform tobacco and vapour product retailers in British Columbia about upcoming changes to [section 5](#) of the [Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Regulation](#) (TVPCR). **As of April 1, 2026, there will be two warning decals required to be displayed by all retailers who sell tobacco products, vapour products, or tobacco and vapour products**, as shown here:



Section 5 of the TVPCR requires a dealer who sells tobacco and vapour products to display two warning decals: one that is displayed to the purchaser, and one that is displayed to the dealer and employee. These decals state the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco and vapour products (19 years) and the requirement for valid government-issued photo identification. Currently, section 5 requires retailers to display a different version of the warning decal if you sell:

- Tobacco products, but not vapour products
- Vapour products, but not tobacco products
- Both tobacco and vapour products

As of April 1, 2026, there will only be one version of the two required warning decals that will be required to be displayed by all tobacco and vapour product retailers. **Retailers who currently display the [blue](#) or [orange](#) warning decals are asked to work with their local enforcement officer within the regional health authorities to acquire the yellow warning decals (shown above).** The transition will be gradual and local enforcement officers will work with retailers to provide the appropriate warning decals where necessary.



This amendment to the TVPCR will streamline the warning decals requirements and process, while continuing to ensure that clear and consistent warnings are provided to both purchasers and retail staff.

Retailers are encouraged to regularly check the [provincial tobacco and vapour webpages](#) and applicable legislation for updates. Please work with your local regional health authority to obtain yellow warning decals or contact the Ministry of Health at HLTH.Health@gov.bc.ca should you have further questions.

Thank you,

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