

**Freedom of Information Act Request**

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I can confirm that Essex County Council does hold this information, and where we are able to release this, our response is listed below.

1. **How many illicit nicotine pouch products has your Trading Standards team seized for 2023 and 2024?**

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1. **If the nicotine pouches were seized for being labelled in languages other than English, which languages were the products labelled in?**

N/A

1. **If you have seized any products for having particularly high nicotine content, how strong were these individual pouches?**

**Please disaggregate the above information by:**

**- number of packets seized**

**- year**

**- nicotine pouch company**

**- specific reason for seizure, for the above nicotine pouch companies**

**- if seized for high nicotine content, the amount of nicotine in milligram that each individual pouch/sachet contains, per nicotine pouch company**

**- if applicable, the languages other than English that the products were labelled in, per nicotine pouch company**

N/A

1. **Do you have concerns about illegal importation of nicotine pouches?**

Your question does not relate to recorded information held by Essex County Council. The Freedom of Information Act covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority; this includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings. The Act does not require us to answer questions or provide access to opinions or comments unless they are held in a recorded form. There is no requirement to create new information to satisfy a request. We are therefore unable to provide a response to this element of your request.

1. **Has your authority had any of these products tested?**

No

1. **Please provide any fines or prosecutions issued in relation to seized nicotine pouches in your jurisdiction for 2023 and 2024.**

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1. **Please provide any reports, assessments, or internal communications related to concerns over the sale, distribution, or safety of nicotine pouches within your jurisdiction, since 2023.**

N/A

1. **The number of nicotine pouches seized by authorities at any ports within your jurisdiction. Please break this down as per the previous request, by:**

**- Number of packets seized**

**- Year**

**- Nicotine pouch company**

**- Specific reason for seizure, for the above nicotine pouch companies**

**- If seized for high nicotine content, the amount of nicotine in milligram that each individual pouch/sachet contains, per nicotine pouch company**

**- If applicable, the languages other than English that the products were labelled in, per nicotine pouch company.**

ECC Trading Standards has not seized any nicotine pouches at any ports or borders within its jurisdiction.

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