

<u>Urgent action required to combat non-compliant pumps</u>

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The British Pump Manufacturers Association (BPMA) is deeply concerned by the recent announcement from the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) regarding the prevalence of non-compliant circulator pumps in the UK market.

The revelation that recent market inspections identified 85% of imports of these products as non-compliant underscores the urgent need for action to safeguard consumers and uphold industry standards.

The findings of the inspections conducted by the OPSS are alarming and raise serious questions about the efficacy of current regulatory measures governing circulator pumps. Non-compliant products not only offer significant reductions in energy efficiency values but also undermine the integrity of the pump industry and erode trust in regulatory processes.

As the leading voice of the pump industry in the UK and Ireland, the BPMA emphasises the importance of robust enforcement mechanisms to address the influx of non-compliant products into the market.

It is imperative that regulatory bodies collaborate closely with industry stakeholders to implement effective strategies for detecting and preventing the circulation of non-compliant pumps. The association welcomes the OPSS's removal [delisting] of some thirty products identified as not satisfying the required compliance measures.

The proliferation of non-compliant circulator pumps is a significant concern for both manufacturers and consumers. We urge the government and regulatory authorities to continue to take decisive action to



tackle this issue and ensure that only energy efficient and compliant products are available in the market.

In response to these developments, the BPMA reaffirms its commitment to promoting excellence and compliance within the pump industry. The association stands ready to collaborate with the OPSS and other relevant bodies to develop and implement measures that enhance product safety and integrity.

The BPMA urges consumers to remain vigilant when purchasing circulator pumps and advises them to seek products bearing recognised certifications and compliance markings.

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