The laws are already here and enforcement is next

US: Age verification mandated for tobacco, vape, CBD, adult content.

EU: Digital Services Act requires robust age checks for high-risk categories.

**UK**:Online Safety Act + Tobacco & Vapes Bill → Ofcom & Trading Standards will enforce fines.

"IBVTA already enforces Challenge 25 and refusal registers. Now regulators want digital proof on top."

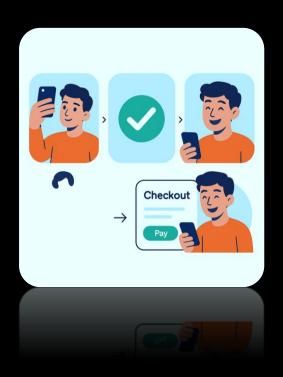
## Every underage sale exposed in the press damages the whole industry



"IBVTA itself recognises that undisciplined convenience stores are the biggest youth-access risk. Without robust AV, the whole industry's credibility suffers."

Protecting against this isn't just compliance — it's reputation insurance

### Protect members without losing customers



"Supports Challenge 25 and stops proxy purchasing risk online."

#### Verification in under 2 seconds with a selfie

- Privacy-preserving biometric estimation no ID upload needed
- Escalates to full ID only when legally required.
- Members stay regulator-ready without checkout friction

## Proof of every check — tamper-proof and regulator-ready



"IBVTA supports measures that ensure retailers age verify before sale — our system makes that proof automatic, digital, and regulator-ready."

- Every check is automatically recorded in a secure, tamper-proof ledger.
- Simple evidence trail  $\rightarrow$  time, result, action taken.
- Members don't manage anything → the system does it in the background.
  - When Trading Standards ask: "Show us your checks," members can prove it instantly.

### Individual members can't solve this alone



Independents face disproportionate barriers: contracts, heavy integrations, and regulatory risk that threatens survival. IBVTA exists to remove those barriers — this model makes it possible

- Verification providers demand £2-£7k + minimum contracts (25k checks per month)
- Mandatory minimum checks wasted for small merchants
- Complex integrations = IT costs that most members can't absorb
- Result: fragmented compliance, wasted money, uneven protection.

#### A collective solution that lifts all members



"IBVTA has spent over a decade representing SMEs at UK and EU level. Independents face disproportionate compliance barriers — pooled verification removes them."

- We **pool members' checks**  $\rightarrow$  meet provider minimums.
- Costs covered centrally  $\rightarrow$  free pilot for members.
- Association can **white-label the solution** → position itself as the industry leader in responsible trading.
- **Reporting dashboard** shows underage attempts blocked → PR proof for regulators and media.

### Act early. Lead the industry



"IBVTA has over a decade of credibility with UK and EU policymakers. Delivering a collective AV solution now strengthens that voice and proves the sector's stewardship."

- Act now: IBVTA delivers compliance at scale → members need not worry about minimum numbers, industry gains goodwill, regulators see leadership.
- This flips headlines from "Underage sting" to "IBVTA protects youth".

# Together, we can set the standard regulators respect.



- IBVTA already leads policy conversations at the UK and EU levels.
- Blocknetica brings instant, pooled, regulatorready verification.
- Together: proof of stewardship regulators can respect and trust



Your leadership today= your members' survival tomorrow