

Candles and Wax Melts

Any product made to be sold or supplied to consumers must be safe.

Assessing a products safety should include the ingredients or components, any chemicals used in the product or packaging, the type of packaging, instructions for safe use, warnings, and other labelling.

Products such as candles and wax melts can easily be made by a home-based business or s large manufacturer. However, they should still not present any unnecessary risk during normal or reasonably foreseeable use.

Labelling these products with the required warnings and instruction – using pictograms is imperative to ensuring safe use. **British Standards BSEN 15494:2007** – Candle labelling - provides the required pictograms.

British Standard BS EN 15493:2007 – Candle Safety looks at the flame height and safety whilst burning.

There are a number of useful websites with guidance and tools to help you, the small home business, ensure that your products are safe and meet the relevant requirements in the legislation and standards. These tools can be accessed here:

- Business Companion: <https://www.businesscompanion.info/en/quick-guides/product-safety/candles-diffusers-oil-heaters-etc>
- British Candle Makers Association (BCMA) Tool kit: britishcandles.org/?pages_id=51
- Guidance on selling goods to consumers, consumer rights, & descriptions: <https://www.businesscompanion.info/en/quick-guides/goods/selling-and-supplying-goods>



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I hope this guidance has been useful, further business support information can be found here: [Better Business For All | Hertfordshire LEP](#)