

Health Canada and Imperial Tobacco Canada meeting: proposed *Regulations Amending the Tobacco Products Regulations (Plain and Standardized Appearance)* – September 9, 2022

Subject:

A meeting was held at the request of Health Canada for clarification on input provided by Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd. (ITCAN) as part of the public consultation on the proposed *Regulations Amending the Tobacco Products Regulations (Plain and Standardized Appearance)*.

Date: September 9, 2022

Participants:

Health Canada (HC)

- Manager, Scientific Regulations Division, Tobacco Products Regulatory Office (TPRO), Tobacco Control Directorate (TCD)
- Senior Regulatory Policy and Risk Management Advisor, TPRO, TCD
- Senior Corporate Regulatory Compliance and Enforcement Advisor, TPRO, TCD
- Senior Analyst, Office of Compliance for Tobacco and Vaping Products (OCTVP), TCD
- Junior Policy Analyst, Regulatory and International Policy Unit, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning (OPSP), TCD (Secretariat)

ITCAN

- Veronica Atsaidis, Legal Regulatory Consultant
- Steven Owen, Senior Regulatory Incentive Manager
- Véronique Fleury, Regulatory Reporting Manager

Introduction:

A meeting was held at the request of Health Canada to obtain further clarifications on ITCAN's input regarding the proposed *Regulations Amending the Tobacco Products Regulations (Plain and Standardized Appearance)*, published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, on June 11, 2022.

Health Canada read a transparency and openness statement, reminding ITCAN representatives that the meeting is subject to disclosure as per Health Canada's [Openness and Transparency policies](#). In the interest of transparency, the Department stated that it would be making a record of the meeting publicly available. The [handling of information and privacy notice](#) was mentioned and acknowledged.

Health Canada also referred to Article 5.3 of the [World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control](#), the department's international obligation to protect tobacco control policies from the vested interests of the tobacco industry.

The Chair then invited participants to introduce themselves.

Subjects:

Health Canada requested a meeting for additional information after initial input was received from ITCAN on July 20, 2022 regarding challenges associated with the proposed regulations. The follow-up meeting addressed the following concerns and suggestions:

Use of forms for electronic submission

- ITCAN proposed that the sales and ingredient reports be communicated to manufacturers as a guideline. They propose to amend the Draft Regulations to require only that the reports be submitted in a processable format rather than a set one predetermined by HC.
 - Health Canada asked ITCAN to explain the challenges that impeded them from using the HC template. ITCAN responded that the main difficulty is that it is a global database, which only allows changes to be addressed manually.

Confidentiality of reported information

- ITCAN requested for certain information such as details of flavouring ingredients used in vaping substances to stay confidential rather than be made public as required by the proposed Regulations.

Conclusion:

The meeting was then concluded.

Documents:

- Agenda as provided by ITCAN