

Meeting Contact Report

Client: Standards Committee – UKVIA

Meeting: Tuesday 7th February 2023

Attendees: John Dunne (UKVIA), Ben Walker (JBP), Grahame Woods (JBP), Stephen Little (BAT), Chris Aitkens (RELX), Doug Mutter (VPZ)

Minutes

Introduction

Grahame welcomed attendees.

MHRA Engagement Plan

Grahame asked attendees what they would like to see in any potential MHRA engagement plan going forward. Chris Aitkens mentioned tank fill and picture advertising regulation needed to be put in place to ensure uncompliant vapes are seized before they enter circulation, rather after they have by Trading Standards. He added that a level playing field in terms of tank fill is the most important thing going forward.

Grahame discussed how MHRA funding works with members. John noted that the fee to register a product with MHRA is £150 and there is talk of increasing that fee to £250, with the £100 extra going towards product testing.

John Dunne asked if the UKVIA could ask MHRA to look at tank capacity. Grahame expressed the need to press Mark Pawsey in this regard and to create a public affairs strategy. John added that Mary Glindon could also help with this.

Environmental Sustainability Case Studies

Grahame followed up last week's discussion to ask if there are any companies from other sectors the UKVIA could approach to help with environmental sustainability. John Dunne mentioned that Innokin and Riot Labs could be useful here.

General Business

With no other business, the meeting was brought to a close.

The meeting closed at 14:16