

Meeting Contact Report

Client: Standards Committee – UKVIA

Meeting: Wednesday 14th June 2023

Attendees: Ben Walker (JBP), Grahame Woods (JBP), Chris Aikens (RELX), Vladimir Stamenkovic (JUUL), Khurram Jowiya (JTI), Jeannie Cameron (JCIC), John Dunne (UKVIA)

Minutes

Introduction

Grahame welcomed attendees and the minutes from the last meeting were improved.

Apologies

Apologies were noted from Stephen Little and Jeannie Cameron.

Tank Capacity Questionnaire

Grahame continued the discussion that occurred at the last UKVIA Board Meeting by sharing his screen to show a draft questionnaire on e-cigarette tank capacity. Grahame ran through the questionnaire, so attendees were aware of the questions to be asked.

Jeannie Cameron suggested that some context should be included explaining why the limit was set at 2ml in the first place. Jeannie also recommended keeping the questions simple to avoid confusion. She also reiterated that the point of expanding the tank capacity is to price underage users out of vapes and to reduce environmental waste by increasing the life of devices. Jeannie also suggested reducing the number of options available on the question two. Chris Aikens and John Dunne responded by suggesting that it is important for responders to have a choice. John and Jeannie concluded that it would be helpful to reduce the options to just 5ml and 10ml rather than the seven options initially proposed.

Regarding question four, John, Jeannie, and Chris suggested the options should be: 2ml, 5ml and 10ml.

Grahame suggested a good next step would be for him to compose a formal questionnaire and present it to the Standards Committee for further thoughts and edits.

Standards Committee Meeting Cadence

Grahame informed attendees that Standards Committee meetings will now be held at 10am on the first Tuesday of every month.

John suggested sending round an email to Full Members informing them of when each committee meets.

BSI Standards Update

Grahame gave a brief update of some of the work that Marina Murphy is doing on behalf of the UKVIA on the BSI Vaping Standards Steering Group. Grahame informed members that Marina Murphy is happy to join the next Standards meeting to provide an update, however the current challenge is the need to push back on moves to align the vaping standard with that of pharmaceutical devices.

General Business

Grahame mentioned that he and John have been meeting with various recycling companies over recent months. He then explained a couple of the more impressive schemes they had been told about. Grahame said he would circulate the minutes from these meetings to members so that they could feedback at the next Standards meeting.

John informed attendees that there is another meeting with MHRA at the end of this month. Mentioned that others could join this call if they are interested. Added that members should send Matt Gillow ideas for agenda items.

John continued that he has been invited to attend a Health and Social Care Committee Hearing on the 28th June. Grahame continued that this will be a formal evidence session. He added that he would find out whether this committee allows opening statements and whether there will be an audience present.

With no other business the meeting closed at 14:27.