

## **Meeting Contact Report**

**Client:** Standards Committee – UKVIA

**Meeting:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

**Attendees:** Ben Walker (JBP), Grahame Woods (JBP), Stephen Little (BAT), Chris Aikens (RELX), Khurram Jowiya (JTI), Jeannie Cameron (JCIC International)

## **Minutes**

### **Introduction**

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

### **Single-use e-cigarette tank capacity**

Grahame recalled a debate that had occurred at the recent board meeting regarding minimum tank capacity on vapes. He asked attendees their thoughts on this and whether it is worth pushing.

Stephen Little noted the importance of striking a balance on tank capacity. He suggested that critics may attack the idea of a minimum amount of nicotine allowed in vaping devices. Jeannie Cameron argued that the nicotine level would stay the same, only the tank size would change.

Chris Aikens argued that asking for a minimum tank capacity is not wise as it draws parallel with cigarettes. Grahame responded by suggesting that if the minimum capacity was presented alongside a maximum tank capacity, this may be more appealing to politicians.

Jeannie noted that having a minimum tank capacity would help reduce environmental damage as less vapes would be used whilst it would make vapes less appealing to children, due to the increased price.

Khurram Jowiya doubted whether now was the correct time to suggest this change.

Grahame suggested that it might be something to explore with the members over the forthcoming weeks. He asked attendees what the next steps on this should be. Noted that something should be done as it was mentioned at the board meeting.

Stephen argued that a recent ministerial response showed that the Government would not be keen on this. Chris suggested that the membership should be polled on what they think, as the UKVIA has to be a democratic organisation. Khurram agreed with Stephen but noted the members should be consulted if the UKVIA wants to move forward with this, suggested this shouldn't be a priority. Jeannie argued that the UKVIA WhatsApp chat shows that the core members wish for something to be done about this. Agreed that members should be consulted.

### **Greenprint for disposable vaping**

Grahame noted the importance of working on the Greenprint and not letting it slip down the agenda. Mentioned that he wanted to talk about packaging and that the webinar had made some

suggestions to this end. Asked attendees what the UKVIA should suggest regarding packaging guidelines.

Chris suggested that behaviour should be changed rather than the packaging guidelines. Jeannie noted that most vapes already have packaging inserts and said that anything extra might extend costs too far for manufacturers. Chris added that the effects that packaging inserts have on consumers needs to be measured. Jeannie noted that this might be something to ask the consumer associations about. Added that a broader discussion is probably necessary.

### **General Business**

Khurram noted that the Standards committee has poor attendance and that the UKVIA should ask members on why they aren't attending. Grahame agreed and noted that he would act upon this. Jeannie noted that she would like an update on the BSI Standards Committee.

**With no other business the meeting closed at 14:37.**