

## **Meeting Contact Report**

**Client:** Standards Committee – UKVIA

**Meeting:** Tuesday 4 July, 10:00am

**Attendees:** John Dunne, Doug Mutter, Chris Aiken, Damien Bove, Robert Sidebottom, Grahame Woods

## **Minutes**

### **Introduction**

Grahame welcomed the attendees, and the minutes from the last meeting were approved.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Stephen Little and Jeannie Cameron.

### **Tank Capacity Questionnaire**

Grahame provided an overview of why we have created a tank capacity questionnaire and expressed the desire to have some results that we can report on before the next UKVIA Board meeting on the 20th.

Grahame shared the questionnaire with the committee, and it was approved for distribution to members.

Robert inquired whether e-cigarette tank capacity was a priority for the UKVIA at this time, considering the other political challenges that the industry is facing.

A broader discussion took place on this matter, during which the following points were raised:

- While we may not currently emphasize the increased tank capacity argument, it would be beneficial to have the information readily available.
- Increased tank capacity is a persuasive argument against the inappropriate disposal of single-use vapes.
- Increased tank capacity is our main argument against imposing a tax on vaping products, as greater tank capacity is expected to raise the price of e-cigarettes.
- Any public relations campaign regarding tank capacity would need to be cautious to strike the right balance, especially given the current primary political challenges related to the environmental impact of vapes and youth access.

## **General Business**

### ***Engagement with recycling companies***

Grahame stated that he would provide an update on engagements that the UKVIA has had with recycling companies at the next meeting.

### ***British Standards Institute***

Grahame informed the committee that he has asked Marina Murphy to attend the next Standards Meeting to provide an update on the vaping steering group within the BSI. Damien Bove also confirmed his availability to attend the next meeting and provide an update.

John asked if there was an unfilled slot for the UKVIA on the BSI committee, of which Damien is a member. Damien confirmed this, and it was agreed that the UKVIA would find a person to fill this position.

### ***Health and Social Care Select Committee Session***

John mentioned that the Health and Social Care Select Committee requested further information about the rate at which nicotine is absorbed through vaping in comparison to smoking.

Robert emphasized the need for the UKVIA to review the claims made by the Health and Social Care Committee during their recent vaping inquiry session and produce rebuttals for each of the claims. John supported this approach, and it was agreed that once the individual claims were identified, we would consult scientific experts to provide irrefutable answers.

It was agreed that this information would be transformed into a press release to accompany a further submission to the committee.

### ***UKVIA Scientific Committee***

John asked Grahame to speak to Chris Lawrance about the establishment of a UKVIA Scientific Advisory Committee. Grahame agreed to communicate with Chris and provide an update.

### ***Engagement with European Union, Canadian and Chinese Vaping Industry Associations***

John requested Grahame to arrange monthly meetings with the EU and Canadian vaping industry associations to facilitate updates and mutual learning. John also mentioned that the Chinese vaping association was interested in organizing a Parliamentary reception before the UKVIA Forum this year.

**With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 am.**

*The next Standards Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1 August 2023 at 10:00am.*