

Meeting Contact Report

Client: Standards Committee – UKVIA

Meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2023

Attendees: John Dunne (UKVIA), Ben Walker (JBP), Grahame Woods (JBP), Matthew Gillow (JBP), Stephen Little (BAT), Vladimir Stamenkovic (JUUL)

Apologies: Tao Cui (Innokin)

Minutes

Introduction

Grahame welcomed attendees.

UKVIA Environment Summit and next steps

Grahame explained to attendees that they will now have received a link to join the Environment Summit. He encouraged members to bring other employees along with them to this. Added that the agenda has not changed but there are a number of interesting speakers now booked in. Grahame continued that the Summit will hopefully provide a greenprint for the UKVIA public relations programme going forward. Concluded that the Summit will be recorded.

MHRA engagement

Grahame explained that the UKVIA is in the process of scheduling meeting with MPs to help build a case for encouraging MHRA to change some of their practices.

John noted that MHRA's communication is very poor and this is causing widespread frustration. Continued that the MHRA does now have a plan but they are not allowed to release it yet. John explained that he actively trying to get clarity, but the whole situation is a mess. Added that this is a good opportunity for the UKVIA to highlight many of the changes it has suggested regarding MHRA and Trading Standards.

General business

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

The meeting closed at 14:17