

## **Meeting Contact Report**

**Client:** Standards Committee – UKVIA

**Meeting:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Attendees:** John Dunne (UKVIA), Ben Walker (JBP), Grahame Woods (JBP), Damien Bove (Adact), Jason Tian (Smooore)

**Apologies:** Jeannie Cameron (JCIC), Robert Sidebottom (Arcus), Doug Mutter (VPZ)

## **Minutes**

### **Introduction**

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

### **Potential data collection for disposable vape consultation**

Grahame noted that the UKVIA will likely need to respond to the proposed disposable vape consultation at some point in the coming weeks. He asked attendees if they had any ideas for potential research that the UKVIA could use to respond to any such call for evidence.

Damien noted some House of Commons research he had put into the industry chat the previous week that looked at the negative effects of nicotine generally. Added that this is clearly being looked at in the background and that the Government may be looking at raising the nicotine issue in the coming weeks.

Grahame asked if there is any data on the extent of the illicit e-cigarette market that could be used. Damien explained that he has not come across any such research himself.

John noted that the UKVIA should find statistics relating to lead and metals in e-cigarettes to counter arguments that will likely be made by the government. John and Damien both noted that the data that has been presented in this regard so far has been very flawed and the UKVIA should point this out to lawmakers in the call for evidence.

Damien suggested that he could do some tests on the vapour of vapes to see the extent to which harmful materials such as lead and metals transfer into the vapour of e-cigarettes. John noted that the UKVIA could produce a report around this. He added that the UKVIA website could have a 'Health and Science' page that contains reports and information like this. Grahame noted that the tests Damien suggested would be extremely helpful if they are possible.

Grahame reassured attendees that the UKVIA is still looking at creating a Science Committee after the Forum in November.

Damien noted that Martin Cullip would represent consumers and the UKVIA on the British Standards Institute committee. Added that the UKVIA is still down one member on the other BSI committee. Grahame mentioned that he would speak to Marina Murphy about this in the coming weeks to see if she would be willing to fill this spot.

**With no other business the meeting closed at 10:23**