

Meeting Contact Report

Client: Standards Committee – UKVIA

Meeting: Tuesday 5th December 2023

Attendees: Ben Walker (JBP), Grahame Woods (JBP), Chris Aikens (RELX), Jason Tian (SMOORE), Damien Bove (ADACT)

Apologies: Robert Sidebottom (Arcus), John Dunne (UKVIA), Marina Murphy (ANDS)

Minutes

Introduction

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

Recent Progress Update

Grahame noted that attention has recently been focused on the Youth Vaping Consultation. He added that thought has been given to actions following the submission of the consultation. Grahame added that a public letter will be released following the submission.

Grahame reminded attendees that he will be out of office from 8th December until the new year.

Trading Standards Email

Grahame noted that Jo Cook from Buckingham & Surrey Trading Standards has sent over an email suggesting that the industry is not currently meeting the following TPRP regulations:

‘(7) An electronic cigarette or refill container must be—

(a) child-resistant and tamper-evident; and

(b) protected against breakage and leakage.’

Damien Bove noted that there is currently no standard to judge child resistance against. Although it is generally considered that the packaging should be child resistant, not the product itself. The regulations do not require products to be child resistant.

Damien added that in regards to breakage it is similar, there is not standard to compare this against. Against current standards, the vast majority of products are compliant. The ISO is currently developing new regulations, however, these have not yet been approved.

Jason noted that he agreed with Damien’s points on this.

Any Other Business

Damien noted that he had been added to the BSI Child Safety and Child Resistant Packaging Committee and he should be able to get some more information regarding the Child Appealing standard that it is developing.

Chris Aitkens enquired about whether new members can join any UKVIA committees they wish upon joining the association. Grahame noted that they can join the Standards, Youth Access and Policy and Regulatory Committees if they wish.

With no other business the meeting closed at 16:17