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Voluntary Agreement on the Approval and Use of New Additives in Tobacco Products in the UK.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom



3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

3. Originating Department

Department of Health

4. Notification Number

96/0374/UK

5. Title

Voluntary Agreement on the Approval and Use of New Additives in Tobacco Products in the UK.

6. Products Concerned

Cigarettes, hand-rolling tobacco, cigars and pipe tobacco.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

A. This Voluntary Agreement requires UK manufacturers and importers of tobacco products to seek approval from the Department of Health for the use of new additives (any substance added in the course of manufacture of a smoking product). The Agreement includes guidelines on the information which the Department may require in order to give approval to a new additive. It sets out the arrangements for the continued use of additives already on the UK permitted list and requires manufacturers and importers to confirm annually that the additive usage in each tobacco product is within the individual and aggregate limits prescribed. The Agreement provides for recognition of additives which have been authorised for use by another EU Member State following assessment by a recognised scientific body.

Recognition of equivalent standards provided.

B. The United Kingdom would like to be informed by other Member States of their own standards or regulations offering an equivalent level of safety and security.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Department of Health has, by voluntary agreement, regulated the use of additives to tobacco products since 1977 on the basis that individuals should not be needlessly exposed to new substances or novel uses of other substances. The new agreement updates and clarifies the information required to enable the Department to ensure that the additive would not increase the hazard of the product.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i. Voluntary Agreement on the Approval and Use of New Additives in Tobacco Products in the UK

- ii. Not applicable
- iii. Not applicable

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No.

14. Fiscal measures

No.

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