

## United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Public Records

Office of the Secretary

FROM:

Bonnie McGregor

Division of Advertising Practices

DATE:

October 31, 2016

SUBJECT:

Rotational Health Warnings for Cigarettes

File No. P854505

Please place the attached documents on the public record in the above-captioned matter.

- 1. July 6, 2015 letter from Gregory E. Cudjoe, Beedies LLC to Mary K. Engle.
- 2. July 6, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to Gregory E. Cudjoe, Beedies LLC.
- 3. July 7, 2015 letter from Joseph M. Zebrowski, Rock River Manufacturing to Mary K. Engle.
- 4. July 10, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to Joseph M. Zebrowski, Rock River Manufacturing .
- 5. July 13, 2015 letter from Michael Bell, Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc. to Mary K. Engle.
- 6. July 14, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to Cameron Goodwin, Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc.
- 7. July 9, 2015 letter from Cindy Gaines, Seneca-Cayuga Tobacco Company to Mary Engle.
- 8. July 17, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to Cindy Gaines, Seneca-Cayuga Tobacco Company.
- 9. July 13, 2015 letter from Jason Meinhart, Joseph M. Anderson d/b/a Smokin Joes to Mary K. Engle.

- 10. July 17, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to Jason Meinhart, Smokin Joes.
- 11. July 17, 2015 letter from William M. Sherman, Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC, Ltd. to Mary K. Engle.
- 12. July 17, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to William M. Sherman, Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC, Ltd.
- 13. July 2, 2015 letter from Greta Marcinkeviciute, DK Distributors, Inc. to Mary K. Engle.
- 14. July 27, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to Greta Marcinkeviciute, DK Distributors, Inc.
- 15. July 27, 2015 letter from Eric Barkley Estes, Xcaliber International Ltd., LLC to Mary K. Engle.
- 16. July 28, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to Eric Barkley Estes, Xcaliber International Ltd., LLC.
- 17. July 30, 2015 letter from Neal N. Beaton on behalf of JT International U.S.A., Inc. to Caitlyn Brady.
- 18. July 30, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to Neal N. Beaton on behalf of JT International U.S.A., Inc.
- 19. August 11, 2015 letter from Kanim B. James, King Mountain Tobacco Company, Inc. to Mary K. Engle.
- 20. August 11, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to Kanim B. James, King Mountain Tobacco Company, Inc.
- 21. August 12, 2015 letter from Nancyellen Keane on behalf of Cherokee Tobacco Company, LLC to Mary K. Engle.
- 22. August 27, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to Nancyellen Keane on behalf of Cherokee Tobacco Company, LLC.
- 23. August 26, 2015 letter from Mary Najjar, Marketing Group USA Inc. to Mary K. Engle.
- 24. August 27, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to Mary Najjar, Marketing Group USA, Inc.
- 25. August 31, 2015 letter from Rhondetta G. Walton, ITG Brands, LLC to Mary Engle.
- 26. September 2, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to Rhondetta Walton, ITG Brands, LLC.

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- 27. September 3, 2015 letter from William M. Sherman, Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC, Ltd. to Mary K. Engle.
- 28. September 8, 2015 letter from Mary K. Engle to William M. Sherman, Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC, Ltd.

#### Beedies LLC

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6 July 2015

Ms. Mary K. Engle, Associate Director, Division of Advertising Practices, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

Dear Madam.

I am requesting renewal of the **Health Warning Statement Rotation Plan for Mangalore Ganesh Beedies 501 (MGB 501),** brand style beedi cigarette (soft cone pack) in the United States of America. This is the only brand style manufactured by Mangalore Ganesh Beedies Works located in Mysore India and the only brand style of cigarettes Beedies LLC imports. Beedies LLC does not manufacture any Cigarettes. No changes were made to the packaging. If in the future, a decision is made to import different brands, a separate request will be submitted at that time.

Beedies LLC within the United States of America (USA) during Fy14. The warnings will appear exactly as shown on the sample packs and cartons that were enclosed with my letter dated April 28 2010. We will display the four health warnings an equal number of times on the packs and cartons by printing the four health warnings simultaneously in equal numbers at the time of both the pack and carton print runs for the MGB 501 brand. We will keep records demonstrating compliance with this plan. We do not anticipate sales to exceed sticks of the MGB 501 Brand style for the USA and all its territories, we import for Fy15.

We do not intend to advertise MGB 501 at this time. However if we decide to advertise in the future, we will submit an advertising plan to the FTC before.

Sincerely

Grégory E. Cudjoe President and Owner



Advertising Practices

#### United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

July 6, 2015

Mr. Gregory E. Cudjoe President and Owner Beedies LLC 1549 Shadow Oaks Road Kissimmee, FL 34744

Dear Mr. Cudjoe:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341 ("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, I have reviewed a revised proposed plan filed by Beedies LLC on July 6, 2015, calling for simultaneous display (i.e., the alternative to quarterly rotation) of the four health warnings on packaging for one variety of the Mangalore Ganesh Beedies 501 brand of cigarettes.

Beedies LLC's sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the health warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your letter dated April 28, 2010 continue to appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness. Accordingly, Beedies LLC's plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging for the Mangalore Ganesh Beedies 501 brand (cone shaped packs) is hereby approved.

Approval of the plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>2</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Although some of the warnings on the sample packs and cartons previously submitted contained spelling or punctuation errors, or were not sufficiently conspicuous, corrected samples were submitted on April 28, 2010. Beedies LLC stated in its July 6, 2015 letter that the four health warnings will continue to appear exactly as shown on the corrected samples submitted on April 28, 2010.

Knowingly and willfully making false statements to a federal government agency is a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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If Beedies LLC decides to advertise in the future, it must submit a plan detailing how it will comply with the requirements of the Cigarette Act with respect to display of the health warning statements in advertisements.

Please note that this letter only approves Beedies LLC's cigarette health warning statement rotation plan with respect to the statutory requirements in force prior to the June 22, 2009 enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act ("FSPTCA") concerning the rotation, size, and conspicuousness of the warnings on Beedies LLC's packaging. Moreover, it is not in any way an approval of any other design element, statement, or representation made on packaging for Beedies LLC's cigarettes. Nor does this letter purport to interpret or express any opinion about the adequacy of Beedies LLC's packaging under the FSPTCA or any regulations that have been or might be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services under that statute, including but not limited to the Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco to Protect Children and Adolescents (published March 19, 2010).

Because the FSPTCA imposes additional legal requirements on the marketing and sale of cigarettes, you should ensure that you are in compliance with those requirements. For example, since September 22, 2009, the use of certain characterizing flavors (other than tobacco or menthol) in cigarettes has been prohibited. You can find additional information at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

Please note that Section 802 of the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000 prohibits the importation of cigarettes unless at the time of entry the importer presents a sworn statement signed by the original cigarette manufacturer stating that the manufacturer has submitted and will continue to submit the list of ingredients to FDA.

This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through July 5, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact William Ducklow at (202) 326-2407.

Very truly yours,

Mary K Engle

Associate Director



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Mary K. Engle
Associate Director, Division of Advertising Practices
Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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Washington, DC 20580
Attn: William Ducklow

July 7, 2015

Re: Plan for Compliance with Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act for Rock River Manufacturing

Dear Ms. Engle & Ms. McGregor:

Please find enclosed Rock River Manufacturing renewal of its existing warning label plan for Silver Cloud, Seneca, Couture, and Opal brands of cigarettes.

#### I. PACKAGING

This section addresses the plan for compliance with respect to the "Packaging" requirements of the FCLAA with regards to Silver Cloud, Seneca, couture, and Opal including a discussion of the warning label size and location, the warning label equalization and records of compliance.

#### A. Warning Label Size and Location

#### Silver Cloud, Seneca, Couture, and Opal

In letters dated February 5, 2014, and April 21, 2014, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) approved Rock River's equalization plan for the following brand styles which Rock River imports and manufactures:

Seneca Full Flavor Soft King
Seneca Blue Soft King
Seneca Silver Soft King
Seneca Menthol Soft King
Seneca Smooth Menthol Soft King

Seneca Full Flavor Soft 100 Seneca Blue Soft 100 Seneca Silver Soft 100 Seneca Menthol Soft 100 Seneca Smooth Menthol Soft 100



Seneca Extra Smooth Menthol Soft 100

Seneca Full Flavor Box King
Seneca Medium Box King
Seneca Blue Box King
Seneca Silver Box King
Seneca Menthol Box King
Seneca Smooth Menthol Box King
Seneca Non-Filter Box King
Seneca Chill Box King

Seneca Full Flavor Box 120 Seneca Smooth Box 120 Seneca Ultra Box 120 Seneca Menthol Box 120 Seneca Smooth Menthol Box 120

Couture Slims Ruby 100 Box Couture Slims Amethyst 100 Box Couture Slims Diamond 100 Box Couture Slims Sapphire 100 Box Couture Slims Turquoise 100 Box Couture Slims Aquamarine 100 Box

Silver Cloud Red 100 Box Silver Cloud Gold 100 Box Silver Cloud Silver 100 Box Silver Cloud Menthol 100 Box Silver Cloud Menthol Gold 100 Box Seneca Full Flavor Box 100
Seneca Medium Box 100
Seneca Bluc Box 100
Seneca Silver Box 100
Seneca Menthol Box 100
Seneca Smooth Menthol Box 100
Seneca Extra Smooth Menthol Box 100

Seneca Full Flavor 72 Box Seneca Blue 72 Box Seneca Menthol 72 Box

Opal Full Flavor Box 120 Opal Smooth Box 120 Opal Ultra Box 120 Opal Menthol Box 120 Opal Smooth Menthol Box 120

Included in previous letters dated January 30, 2015 and February 17, 2015 were samples of cartons and packages for the foregoing brand styles. Additional packaging for Seneca Full Flavor 120 cartons, Seneca Smooth 120 cartons, and Seneca Ultra 120 cartons were included in the letter dated June 15 2015. The cartons and packages were prepared in accordance with the precise wording, capitalization, and punctuation of the warnings under section 1333(a)(1) of the FCLAA and in compliance with the requirements for placement and size of the warnings on the packing under Section 1333(b) of the FCLAA. The required warnings will appear on both the actual packages and cartons of the foregoing Silver Cloud, Seneca, Couture, and Opal brand styles exactly as they appear on the samples that Rock River submitted on January 30, 2015, February 17, 2015, and June 15, 2015. Rock River Manufacturing does not import or manufacture any other brands than those listed above.



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#### B. Warning Label Rotation: 1332(c)(2) Election

Rock River wishes to employ the option for simultaneous display of the four health warnings by displaying the four required warning labels an equal number of times on the packages and cartons of each of the foregoing brand styles of Silver Cloud, Seneca, Couture, and Opal brands for the one year period beginning on the date of approval of this plan.

Rock River's sales figures for all of the brand styles of the manufactured Silver Cloud and imported Seneca, Couture, and Opal brands for January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 by style by sticks are as follows:

STYLE

Seneca Full Flavor Soft King Seneca Blue Soft King Seneca Silver Soft King

Seneca Menthol Soft King

Seneca Smooth Menthol Soft King

Seneca Full Flavor Soft 100

Seneca Blue Soft 100

Seneca Silver Soft 100

Seneca Menthol Soft 100

Seneca Smooth Menthol Soft 100

Seneca Extra Smooth Menthol Soft 100

Seneca Full Flavor Box King

Seneca Medium Box King

Seneca Blue Box King

Seneca Silver Box King

Seneca Menthol Box King

Seneca Smooth Menthol Box King

Seneca Non-Filter Box King

Seneca Chill Box King

Seneca Full Flavor Box 100

Seneca Medium Box 100

Seneca Blue Box 100

Seneca Silver Box 100

Seneca Menthol Box 100

Seneca Smooth Menthol Box 100

Seneca Extra Smooth Menthol Box 100

Seneca Full Flavor Box 120

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STYLE

Seneca Smooth Box 120 Seneca Ultra Box 120 Seneca Menthol Box 120 Seneca Smooth Menthol Box 120

Seneca Full Flavor 72 Box Seneca Blue 72 Box Seneca Menthol 72 Box

Silver Cloud Red 100 Silver Cloud Gold 100 Silver Cloud Silver 100 Silver Cloud Menthol 100 Silver Cloud Menthol Gold 100

Couture Slims Ruby 100 Box Couture Slims Amethyst 100 Box Couture Slims Diamond 100 Box Couture Slims Sapphire 100 Box Couture Slims Turquoise 100 Box Couture Slims Aquamarine 100 Box

Opal Full Flavor Box 120 Opal Smooth Box 120 Opal Ultra Box 120 Opal Menthol Box 120 Opal Smooth Menthol Box 120

NUMBER OF STICKS

Based on the foregoing sales volume, it appears that each of the foregoing brand styles qualifies for warning label equalization as sales of each brand style were less than one-fourth (1/4<sup>th</sup>) of one percent (1%) of all the cigarettes sold in the United States.

Rock River has and will continue to comply with the Cigarette Act by having its supplier of packaging for its manufactured Silver Cloud brand, Copac Inc, and imported Seneca, Couture, and Opal brands, White House Graphics, print the four surgeon general warnings simultaneously in equal numbers at the time of both the pack and carton print runs. The four warnings have been and will continue to be displayed on the packs and cartons of each brand style of Silver Cloud, Seneca, Couture, and Opal an equal number of times during the one year period following the date of approval of this plan by the FTC. Rock River will keep records demonstrating compliance with this plan.



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#### C. Records of Compliance

Rock River will maintain records demonstrating compliance with this plan at its principal place of business.

#### II ADVERTISING

Rock River intends to follow the "Advertising" requirements of the FCLAA for the Silver Cloud brand. Rock River's April 10, 2014 plan for quarterly rotation of the four health warnings in print advertising up to 10 square feet in size for the Silver Cloud brand was approved on April 21, 2014. Rock River will maintain compliance with this plan.

#### A. Warning Label Size and Placement

Rock River is seeking an amendment to its advertising plan for its Silver Cloud brand to include advertisements not to exceed one hundred sixty (160) square feet. Included in the letter dated February 17, 2015 were the printed warnings for categories 8, 9, 10, and 11. Rock River will use the warnings formats that were submitted by the five leading U.S. cigarette manufacturers with their 1985 plans and we will place the warnings as specified in those plans. Accordingly, for its advertising, Rock River proposes the quarterly rotation of warnings labels in its advertisements set forth in the schedule below.

We currently do not intend to advertise Silver cloud on our website. In the future, if Rock River does wish to or decide to advertise on a company website, it will submit its advertisement plans along with website details for prior FTC approval.

Rock River does not advertising the Seneca, Couture, or Opal brands.

#### B. Warning Label Rotation

Rock River will maintain the following quarterly rotation schedule for advertising of the Silver Cloud brand using the four required warning statements.

- A. SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema And May Complicate Pregnancy.
- B. SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Quitting Smoking Now Greatly Reduces Serious Risks to Your Health.
- C. SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking By Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth And Low Birth Weight.



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#### D. SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette Smoke Contains Carbon Monoxide.

The schedule for quarterly rotation of the warnings in advertising is as follows:

First Quarter

(January- March):

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Second Quarter

(April – June):

В

Third Quarter

(July-September):

C

Fourth Quarter

(October-December):

D

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your assistance. If you have any questions or comments with respect to any of the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Zebrowski

Director of Legal Contracts

701 Buffalo Trail

Winnebago, NE 68071 Phone: 402-878-2300 Selected packaging samples from those submitted with the plan.



GOLD / 100's Box

MADE IN U.S.A

Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, And May Complicate Pregnancy. SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING:

MADE IN U.S.A.

100's Box

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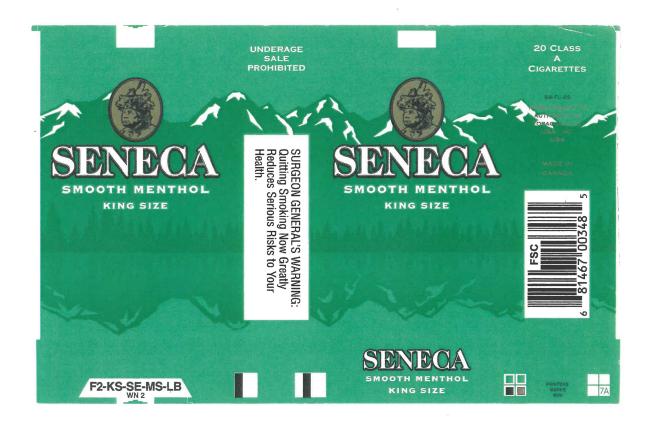
200 CLASS A FILTER CIGARETTES

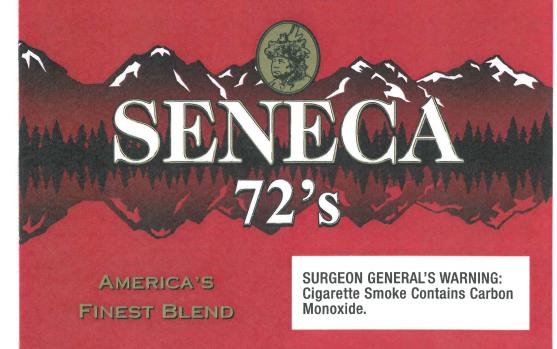
PROHIBITED UNDERAGE SALE

100's Box

GOLD

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UNDERAGE SALE PROHIBITED

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SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, And May Complicate Pregnancy.

Couture

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AN EXQUISITELY BLENDED TOBACCO SET IN A HIGHLY STYLIZED CIGARETTE CAN ONLY BE CALLED ...

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20 CLASS A SLIM CIGARETTES

TURQUOISE

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### **AMETHYST**

AN EXQUISITELY BLENDED TOBACCO SET IN A HIGHLY STYLIZED CIGARETTE CAN ONLY BE CALLED COUTURE...

200 SLIM CIGARETTES



### **AMETHYST**

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking By Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, And Low Birth Weight.

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AMETHYST





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UNDERAGE SALE PROHIBITED



Menthol SUPER THINS

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Quitting Smoking Now Greatly Reduces Serious Risks to Your Health.



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# United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

Division of Advertising Practices

July 10, 2015

Mr. Joseph M. Zebrowski Director of Legal Contracts Rock River Manufacturing 701 Buffalo Trail Winnebago, NE 68071

Dear Mr. Zebrowski:

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Rock River's plan for rotation of the warnings in advertising up to one hundred sixty square feet in size for the Silver Cloud brand of cigarettes is hereby approved. Approval of the plan assumes that the plan is implemented in good faith.

Rock River's sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with Rock River's letters dated January 30, February 17, and June 15, 2015 appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness. Accordingly, Rock River's plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging is hereby approved for the following varieties:

• Thirty-four varieties of the Seneca brand: Full Flavor Kings (soft pack and box), Blue Kings (soft pack and box), Silver Kings (soft pack and box), Menthol Kings (soft pack and box), Smooth Menthol Kings (soft pack and box), Medium Kings box, Non-Filter Kings box, Chill Kings box, Full Flavor 100's (soft pack and box), Blue 100's (soft pack

Rock River stated in its July 7, 2015 letter that the four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the packs and cartons submitted on these dates.

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and box), Silver 100's (soft pack and box), Menthol 100's (soft pack and box), Smooth Menthol 100's (soft pack and box), Extra Smooth Menthol 100's (soft pack and box), Medium 100's box, Full Flavor 120's box, Smooth 120's box, Ultra 120's box, Menthol 120's box, Smooth Menthol 120's box, Full Flavor 72's box, Blue 72's box, and Menthol 72's box;

- Six "Slims" 100's box varieties of the Couture brand: Ruby, Amethyst, Diamond, Sapphire, Turquoise, and Aquamarine;
- Five box varieties of the Opal brand: Full Flavor 120's, Smooth 120's, Ultra 120's, Menthol 120's, and Smooth Menthol 120's; and
- Five box varieties of the Silver Cloud brand: Red 100's, Gold 100's, Menthol 100's, Menthol Gold 100's, and Silver 100's.

Approval of the plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>2</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through July 9, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

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If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact William Ducklow at (202) 326-2407.

Very truly yours,

Associate Director



#### 1041 W State Route 108 Shelton, Washington 98584

July 13, 2015

Ms. Mary K. Engle Division of Advertising Practices Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Ave NW NJ-3212 Washington, DC 20580

Via Facsimile and U.S. Mail

Dear Ms. Engle:

Pursuant to the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act (the Cigarette Act), Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc., hereby submits a plan for the rotation of "Warnings" under Section 1333 (c) (2) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act.

Skookum Creek Tobacco Company currently produces three brand families of cigarettes, "Complete," "Premis," and "Traditions" A rotation plan was approved August 1, 2014, for these brand families.

No changes are proposed to the Complete, Traditions or Premis brand families and brand styles. Warnings for existing brand styles will appear exactly as shown on the sample packaging previously submitted to and approved by the FTC. All Skookum Creek brand styles are identified in Exhibit A. We request re-approval for all of the Brand Styles in Exhibit A.

No brand style manufactured by Skookum Creek Tobacco in fiscal year 2014 exceeded the sales limits in 15 U.S.C. § 1333(c)(2)(A)(i). A copy of Skookum Creek Tobaccos 2014 fiscal sales figures as well as current fiscal year sales to date and estimates for all brand styles is attached as Exhibit B. Units as shown are in sticks. Please note that the fiscal year for Skookum Creek Tobacco Company runs October 1 to September 30, concurrent with the federal fiscal year.

Skookum Creek Tobacco Company will ensure through controlled processes that all four warnings will be equally displayed on the packs and cartons of each of the brand styles for which approval is requested in this letter for the one year period beginning on the date of approval of this plan. Skookum Creek Tobacco will maintain records to demonstrate compliance with this plan.

Skookum Creek Tobacco, through a partnership with our sole producer of printed labels and cartons assures compliance within the guidelines of rotation through a "Mechanical Printing and Sorting" process. All printed good are produced using an equal distribution of the required four warnings

within each print order and mechanically sorted to assure equal distribution on each pallet of finished print. Single pallets are utilized in our manufacturing process to assure equal distribution of the warnings on packs and cartons of each brand style.

Skookum Creek Tobacco Company continues to be in compliance with its plan for Internet advertising as approved October 8, 2008 for Traditions and July16, 2007 for Complete and Premis. Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc. does not advertise its cigarettes in any other format or medium.

Document Prepared by:

Michael Bell

Quality Assurance Manager/FDA, FTC Compliance Manager

360-490-6852

#### Exhibit A Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc Brand Families and Brands of Cigarettes

PREMIS BRAND FAMILY
Full Flavor Kings – HARD PACK High Air Kings – HARD PACK Ultra High Air Kings – HARD PACK Menthol Kings – HARD PACK Menthol High Air Kings – HARD PACK Full Flavor 100's – HARD PACK High Air 100's – HARD PACK Ultra High Air 100's – HARD PACK Menthol 100's – HARD PACK Menthol High Air 100's – HARD PACK Menthol High Air 100's – HARD PACK
TRADITIONS BRAND FAMILY ( Not Additive Free)
Non Filtered Kings – HARD PACK
Menthol Kings – HARD PACK
Full Flavor Kings – HARD PACK
High Air Kings – HARD PACK
Menthol 100's – HARD PACK
Full Flavor 100's – HARD PACK
High Air 100's – HARD PACK

**Exhibit B** Sales And Projections--Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc Brand Families and Brands of Cigarettes

Product Item #	Brand Family	Brand Name	Units Sold FY 2014	Projected FY 2015	Current FY Sales 10/2014- 03/2015
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01-50000	Complete 85mm Full Flavor Soft	Complete			
01-50001	Complete 85mm HA Soft	Complete	M. Sales A.		
01-50002	Complete 85mm Ultra HA Soft	Complete			
01-50003	Complete 85mm Menthol Soft	Complete			
01-50004	Complete 85mm Menth HA Soft	Complete			
01-50005	Complete 100mm FF Soft	Complete			
01-50006	Complete 100mm HA Soft	Complete			
01-50007	Complete 100mm Ultra HA Soft	Complete			
01-50008	Complete 100mm Menthol Soft	Complete			
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01-50530	KS Full Flavor Box	Traditions				
01-50531	KS High Air Box	Traditions				

01-50534	KS Menthol Box	Traditions
01-50535	KS Non-Filter Box	Traditions
01-50537	100mm Full Flavor Box	Traditions
01-50538	100mm High-Air Box	Traditions
01-50539	100mm Menthol Box	Traditions



## United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

Division of Advertising Practices

July 14, 2015

Mr. Cameron Goodwin Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc. 1041 W. State Route 108 Shelton, WA 98584

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341 ("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, I have reviewed a revised proposed plan filed by Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc. ("Skookum Creek") on July 13, 2015, calling for simultaneous display (*i.e.*, the alternative to quarterly rotation) of the four health warnings on packaging for certain varieties of the Complete, Premis, and Traditions brands of cigarettes.

Skookum Creek's sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your letters on the following dates continue to appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness:<sup>1</sup>

Brand	Date(s)
Complete	April 12, 2007 June 9, 2008 July 10, 2008 March 11, 2010
Premis	July 1, 2014
Traditions	September 16, 2008 September 30, 2008 January 12, 2011

Skookum Creek stated in its July 13, 2015 letter that the four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the packs and cartons submitted on these dates.

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Accordingly, Skookum Creek's plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging for the following varieties is hereby approved:

- Twenty-two varieties of the Complete brand: Full Flavor Kings (soft pack and hard pack), Full Flavor 100's (soft pack and hard pack), High Air Kings (soft pack and hard pack), High Air 100's (soft pack and hard pack), Ultra High Air Kings (soft pack and hard pack), Ultra High Air 100's (soft pack and hard pack), Menthol Kings (soft pack and hard pack), Menthol 100's (soft pack and hard pack), Menthol High Air Kings (soft pack and hard pack), Menthol High Air 100's (soft pack and hard pack), and Non-Filter Kings (soft pack and hard pack);
- Ten hard pack varieties of the Premis brand: Full Flavor (Kings and 100's), High Air (Kings and 100's), Ultra High Air (Kings and 100's), Menthol (Kings and 100's), and Menthol High Air (Kings and 100's);
- Fourteen hard pack varieties of the Traditions brand:
  - Seven "Additive Free" hard pack varieties: Full Flavor (Kings and 100's), High-Air Filter (Kings and 100's), Menthol (Kings and 100's), and Non-Filter Kings; and
  - Seven "Not Additive Free" hard pack varieties: Full Flavor (Kings and 100's), High-Air Filter (Kings and 100's), Menthol (Kings and 100's), and Non-Filter Kings.

This approval pertains only to packaging that meets the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter. Furthermore, the four health warnings must appear exactly as shown on the packs and cartons that the Commission has approved.

Approval of the plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>2</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please note that this letter only approves Skookum Creek's cigarette health warning statement rotation plan with respect to the statutory requirements in force prior to the June 22, 2009 enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act ("FSPTCA") concerning the rotation, size, and conspicuousness of the warnings on Skookum Creek's packaging. Moreover, it is not in any way an approval of any other design element, statement, or representation made on packaging or in advertising for Skookum Creek's cigarettes, including, but not limited to, "additive free." Nor does this letter purport to interpret or express any opinion about the adequacy of Skookum Creek's packaging and advertising under the FSPTCA or any regulations that have been or might be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human

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Services under that statute, including but not limited to the Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco to Protect Children and Adolescents (published March 19, 2010).

Because the FSPTCA imposes additional legal requirements on the marketing and sale of cigarettes, you should ensure that you are in compliance with those requirements. For example, since September 22, 2009, the use of certain characterizing flavors (other than tobacco or menthol) in cigarettes has been prohibited. You can find additional information at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through July 13, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Arien Parham at (202) 326-2696.

Very truly yours,

Mary K. Engle
Associate Director



July 09, 2015

#### VIA FACSIMILE 202-326-3259; VIA OVERNIGHT COURIER

Ms. Mary Engle
Associate Director
Attn: Caitlyn Brady
Division of Advertising Practices
Federal Trade Commission
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Room NJ3212
Washington, DC 20001

### Cigarette Heath Warning Plan Seneca-Cayuga Tobacco Company and SKYDANCER and GOLDEN BAY brands

Dear Ms. Engle:

This letter represents a request for renewal of the Label Statement Rotation Plan of Seneca-Cayuga Tobacco Company ("SCTC"), we hereby submit a Surgeon General's Equalization Plan for SKYDANCER and GOLDEN BAY as required under the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. § 1331 (1998), et seq.), as amended ("FCLAA"), for all styles listed below of SKYDANCER and GOLDEN BAY brand soft pack and hard pack varieties. SCTC previously submitted a 2014 Plan Renewal on July 03,2014 and your office approved the prior Plan on July 22, 2014

SCTC is the manufacturer of SKYDANCER and GOLDEN BAY brand cigarettes. SCTC does not manufacture or import any other brands. SCTC no longer manufactures five (5) soft brand styles. The location of the factory is 65490 East 240 Road, Grove, OK 74344. Cindy Gaines is Manager.

SCTC requests that the following styles constitute the Plan:

Skydancer Premium Black King (HP), Skydancer Premium Gold King (HP), Skydancer Premium Menthol King (HP), Skydancer Premium Menthol Gold King (HP), Skydancer Premium Silver King (HP), Skydancer Premium Black 100's (SP & HP), Skydancer Premium Gold 100's (SP & HP), Skydancer Premium Menthol 100's (SP & HP).

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Skydancer Premium Menthol Gold 100's (SP & HP), Skydancer Premium Silver 100's (SP & HP).

Golden Bay Red King (SP & HP), Golden Bay Gold King (SP & HP), Golden Bay Menthol King (SP & HP), Golden Bay Red 100's (SP & HP), Golden Bay Gold 100's (SP & HP), Golden Bay Menthol 100's (SP & HP), Golden Bay Menthol Gold 100's (SP & HP), Golden Bay Silver 100's (SP & HP).

and sticks of the GOLDEN BAY brand. Anticipated 2015 sales of SKYDANCER are and GOLDEN BAY is sticks.

Neither the packaging nor the appearance of the warnings has changed since the samples were provided to your office by letter on June 17, 2010. The warnings will appear exactly as shown on those samples.

The four health warning labels are printed in equal numbers on each printed sheet of packaging for all of its packs and cartons so when the sheets are die-cut, each shipment is equalized for each brand style as manufactured. SCTC will keep records demonstrating compliance with the equalization of the warnings under this plan.

For advertising materials, there are no changes from the prior Plan and SCTC will maintain compliance with the Plan.

We submit that the foregoing complies with the requirements set forth in the FCLAA, and request expedited approval. Should this request conform to your requirements, we request that the letter evidencing approval be faxed to me at (918) 787-7722. Should you require any additional information with respect to the foregoing please contact me at (918) 787-7711.

Very truly yours,

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### United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

July 17, 2015

Ms. Cindy Gaines Seneca-Cayuga Tobacco Company 65490 East 240 Road Grove, OK 74344

Dear Ms. Gaines:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341 ("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, I have reviewed a revised proposed plan filed by Seneca-Cayuga Tobacco Company ("Seneca-Cayuga") on July 9, 2015, calling for simultaneous display (*i.e.*, the alternative to quarterly rotation) of the four health warnings on packaging for certain varieties of the Skydancer and Golden Bay brands of cigarettes.

Seneca-Cayuga's sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your letter dated June 17, 2010 continue to appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness. Accordingly, Seneca-Cayuga's plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging is hereby approved for the following varieties:

Fifteen varieties of the Skydancer brand: Premium Black King hard pack, Premium Black 100's (soft pack and hard pack), Premium Gold King hard pack, Premium Gold 100's (soft pack and hard pack), Premium Menthol King hard pack, Premium Menthol 100's (soft pack and hard pack), Premium Menthol Gold King hard pack, Premium Menthol Gold 100's (soft pack and hard pack), Premium Silver King hard pack, and Premium Silver 100's (soft pack and hard pack); and

Seneca-Cayuga stated in its July 9, 2015 letter that the four health warnings will continue to appear exactly as shown on the sample packs and cartons submitted on June 17, 2010.

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Sixteen varieties of the Golden Bay brand: Red King (soft pack and hard pack), Red 100's (soft pack and hard pack), Gold King (soft pack and hard pack), Gold 100's (soft pack and hard pack), Menthol King (soft pack and hard pack), Menthol Gold 100's (soft pack and hard pack), and Silver 100's (soft pack and hard pack).

Approval of the plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>2</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please note that this letter only approves Seneca-Cayuga's cigarette health warning statement rotation plan with respect to the statutory requirements in force prior to the June 22, 2009 enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act ("FSPTCA") concerning the rotation, size, and conspicuousness of the warnings on Seneca-Cayuga's packaging. Moreover, it is not in any way an approval of any other design element, statement, or representation made on packaging or in advertising for Seneca-Cayuga's cigarettes. Nor does this letter purport to interpret or express any opinion about the adequacy of Seneca-Cayuga's packaging and advertising under the FSPTCA or any regulations that have been or might be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services under that statute, including but not limited to the Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco to Protect Children and Adolescents (published March 19, 2010).

Because the FSPTCA imposes additional legal requirements on the marketing and sale of cigarettes, you should ensure that you are in compliance with those requirements. For example, since September 22, 2009, the use of certain characterizing flavors (other than tobacco or menthol) in cigarettes has been prohibited. You can find additional information at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through July 16, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Bonne McGregor at (202) 326-2356.

Very truly yours,

Mary K. Engle

Associate Director

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July 13, 2015

Ms. Mary K. Engle Federal Trade Commission Division of Advertising Practices 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Room NJ-3212 Washington, DC 20580 Smokin Joes

4900 Indian Hill Road Lewiston, NY 14092 (716) 754-4064 Fax (716) 754-4184

RE: Cigarette Health Warning Rotation Plan

Dear Ms, Engle,

This letter is being submitted by Joseph M. Anderson doing business as Smokin Joes for the alternative method to the quarterly Surgeon General Warning rotation plan for packaging of the following fifteen (15) varieties of the Exact cigarette brand, twelve (12) varieties of the Exact Elite cigarette brand, eighteen (18) styles of the Lewiston cigarette brand, twenty (20) varieties of the Market cigarette brand, one (1) style of the Maple Leaf cigarette brand, two (2) styles of the Outdoor Freedom cigarette brand, twenty-two (22) styles of the Smokin Joes cigarette brand, twenty-one (21) styles of the Smokin Joes Natural cigarette brand, eighteen (18) styles of the Smokin Joes Premium cigarette brand, and two (2) varieties of the Nightelub cigarette brand:

Exact	Cigarette Brand
Exact	Canadian Red King Size Soft Pack
Exact	Canadian Blue King Size Soft Pack
Exact	Red 100 Size Soft Pack
Exact	Red King Size Box
Exact	Red King Size Soft Pack
Exact	Gold 100 Size Soft Pack
Exact	Gold 100 Size Box
Exact	Gold King Size Box
Exact	Gold King Size Soft Pack
Exact	Menthol 100 Size Soft Pack
Exact	Menthol 100 Size Box
Exact	Menthol King Size Soft Pack
Exact	Menthol Gold 100 Size Soft Pack
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following six (6) styles of the Lewiston cigarette brand, three (3) styles of the Smokin Joes Premium cigarette brand, three (3) styles of the Smokin Joes Natural cigarette brand, and two (2) styles of the Exact cigarette brand styles that will have the warnings appear exactly as shown on the actual pack labels and cartons submitted with my October 21, 2011 letter:

Exact Cigarette Brand	
Exact Gold 100 Size Box	
Exact Menthol 100 Size Box	
Lewiston Cigarette Brand	
Lewiston Red 100 Size Box	
Lewiston Gold 100 Size Box	
Lewiston Menthol 100 Size Box	
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Smokin Joes Natural Cigarette Brand	
Smokin Joes Natural Menthol 100 Size Box	
Smokin Joes Natural Red 100 Size Box	
Smokin Joes Natural Red King Size Box	
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Smokin Joes Premium Red 100 Size Box	
Smokin Joes Premium Gold 100 Size Box	
Smokin Joes Premium Menthol 100 Size Box	

Smokin Joes believes that its low sales volume of cigarettes fits the criteria for the alternative to quarterly rotation of warnings on packaging, provided for in Section 1333 (c)(2) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331; sales figures for all Smokin Joes manufactured and imported brands are provided on Exhibit A. Smokin Joes manufactures a number of cigarette brand styles and until October 2009 imported the Lewiston Special cigarette brand and Exact Special cigarette brand. Smokin Joes no longer imports the Lewiston Special and Exact Special cigarette brands. Of all Smokin Joes manufactured cigarette brand styles for the fiscal year, from May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, the biggest seller was Smokin Joes Full Flavor 100 Size Box totaling

If this plan for the alternative to quarterly rotation of warnings on packaging is approved, the four cigarette health warnings will appear on the packs and cartons of each of the cigarette brand varieties listed above an equal number of times for the one year period beginning on the date this plan is approved. To ensure the cigarette health warnings appear on the cigarette brand styles an equal number of times throughout the plan year, raw material packaging inventory will be stored and loaded into packaging machines alternating the four health warnings.

Smokin Joes will continue to comply with its May 1, 2007 amended plan for advertising the Exact, Lewiston, Market, Outdoor Freedom, and Smokin Joes cigarette brands as well

as its February 19, 2008 plan for advertising the Nightclub cigarette brand and its April 16, 2009 plan for advertising the Maple Leaf cigarette brand.

Smokin Joes, the manufacturer, is aware of the requirements set forth in the Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act and the company's efforts are always to be fully compliant with the Act. Smokin Joes will maintain record of compliance with the approved plan. The submitted carton and pack label for each brand style bearing each Surgeon General warning satisfies the requirement of package submission. If there are any questions or concerns regarding this plan, please contact me at 716-754-4064 x225.

Sincerely,

Vason Meinhart
Power of Attorney

## **EXHIBIT A**

PRODUCT EXACT	
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SMOKIN JOES BLUE KING SIZE BOX
SMOKIN JOES BLUE KING SIZE SOFT PACK
PRODUCT OUTDOOR FREEDOM'
OUTDOOR FREEDOM FULL FLAVOR (ORIGINAL) KING SIZE BOX
OUTDOOR FREEDOM SMOOTH KING SIZE BOX
PRODUCT SMOKIN JOES PREMIUM'
SMOKIN JOE PREMIUM CANADIAN FULL FLAVOUR (CANADIAN RED) KING SIZE BOX
SMOKIN JOE PREMIUM CANADIAN BLUE KING SIZE BOX
SMOKIN JOE PREMIUM FULL FLAVOR (RED) 100 SIZE SOFT PACK
SMOKIN JOE PREMIUM RED 100 SIZE BOX
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SMOKIN JOE PREMIUM MENTHOL 100 SIZE SOFT PACK
SMOVN JOE PREMIUM MENTHOL 100 SIZE SOFT PACK
SMOKIN JOE PREMIUM MENTHOL TOU SIZE BOX
SMOKIN JOE PREMIUM MENTHOL GOLD 100 SIZE SOFT PACK
SMOKIN JOE PREMIUM MENTHOL GOLD KING SIZE SOFT PACK
SMOKIN JOE PREMIUM NON-FILTER KING SIZE SOFT FACK
SMOKIN JOE PREMIUM BLUE 100 SIZE SOFT PACK
SMOKIN JOE PREMIUM BLUE KING SIZE SOFT PACK
PRODUCT (TOP SELLING SKU)
SMOKIN JOES FULL FLAVOR (RED) 100 BOX

\*Nightclub Full Flavor King Size International style box, Nightclub Light King Size International Style box, Outdoor Freedom Full Flavor King Size Soft pack, Outdoor Freedom Lights King Size Soft Pack, Smokin Joes Premium Medium King Size Soft Pack, and Smokin Joes Premium Medium 100 Size Soft Pack are no longer manufactured.



Advertising Practices

## United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

July 17, 2015

Mr. Jason Meinhart Smokin Joes 4900 Indian Hill Road Lewiston, NY 14092

Dear Mr. Meinhart:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341 ("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, I have reviewed a revised proposed plan filed by Joseph M. Anderson d/b/a Smokin Joes ("Smokin Joes") on July 13, 2015, calling for simultaneous display (i.e., the alternative to quarterly rotation) of the four health warnings on packaging for certain varieties of the Exact, Exact Elite, Lewiston, Maple Leaf, Market, Nightclub, Outdoor Freedom, Smokin Joes, Smokin Joes Natural, and Smokin Joes Premium brands of cigarettes.

Smokin Joes' sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted on the following dates continue to appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter: <sup>1</sup>

Brand	<u>Date(s)</u>
Exact	May 11, 2010 October 21, 2011
Exact Elite	May 11, 2010

Smokin Joes stated in its July 13, 2015 letter that the four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the packs and cartons submitted on these dates.

Brand	Date(s)
Lewiston	May 11, 2010 October 21, 2011
Maple Leaf	May 11, 2010
Market	May 11, 2010
Nightclub	May 4, 2011
Outdoor Freedom	August 27, 2010
Smokin Joes	May 11, 2010
Smokin Joes Natural	May 11, 2010 October 21, 2011
Smokin Joes Premium	May 11, 2010 October 21, 2011

Accordingly, Smokin Joes' plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging is hereby approved for the following varieties:

- Fifteen varieties of the Exact brand: Canadian Red King Soft Pack, Canadian Blue King Soft Pack, Red King Box, Red Soft Pack (King and 100's), Gold Box (King and 100's), Gold Soft Pack (King and 100's), Menthol Soft Pack (King and 100's), Menthol Gold Soft Pack (King and 100's), and Blue 100's Soft Pack;
- Twelve varieties of the Exact Elite brand: Non-Filter King Box, Red King Box, Red Soft Pack (King and 100's), Gold King Box, Gold Soft Pack (King and 100's), Menthol Soft Pack (King and 100's), Menthol Gold Soft Pack (King and 100's), and Blue 100's Soft Pack;
- Eighteen varieties of the Lewiston brand: Non-Filter King Soft Pack, Red Box (King and 100's), Red Soft Pack (King and 100's), Gold Box (King and 100's), Gold Soft Pack (King and 100's), Menthol Box (King and 100's), Menthol Soft Pack (King and 100's), Menthol Gold 100's Box, Menthol Gold Soft Pack (King and 100's), and Blue 100's (Box and Soft Pack);
- One variety of the Maple Leaf brand: Canadian Blue King Box;
- Two varieties of the Outdoor Freedom brand: Original King Box, and Smooth King Box;
- Two varieties of the Nightclub brand: Rich King Box, and Smooth King Box;

- Twenty varieties of the Market brand: Non-Filter King Box, Red Box (King and 100's), Red Soft Pack (King and 100's), Blue Box (King and 100's), Blue 100's Soft Pack, Gold Box (King and 100's), Gold Soft Pack (King and 100's), Menthol Box (King and 100's), Menthol Soft Pack (King and 100's), Menthol Gold Soft Pack (King and 100's), Menthol Gold 100's Box, and Menthol Blue 100's Box;
- Twenty-two varieties of the Smokin Joes brand: Non-Filter King (Soft Pack and Box), Red King (Soft Pack and Box), Red 100's (Soft Pack and Box), Blue King (Soft Pack and Box), Blue 100's (Soft Pack and Box), Gold King (Soft Pack and Box), Gold 100's (Soft Pack and Box), Menthol King (Soft Pack and Box), Menthol Gold King (Soft Pack and Box), and Menthol Gold 100's (Soft Pack and Box);
- Twenty-one varieties of the Smokin Joes Natural brand: Non-Filter King Soft Pack, Red King (Soft Pack and Box), Red 100's (Soft Pack and Box), Purple King (Soft Pack and Box), Purple 100's (Soft Pack and Box), Silver King (Soft Pack and Box), Silver 100's (Soft Pack and Box), White King Soft Pack, White 100's (Soft Pack and Box), Menthol King Box, Menthol 100's (Soft Pack and Box), Menthol Gold King Box, and Menthol Gold 100's Soft Pack; and
- Eighteen varieties of the Smokin Joes Premium brand: Non-Filter King Soft Pack, Canadian Red King Box, Canadian Blue King Box, Red King (Soft Pack and Box), Red 100's (Soft Pack and Box), Blue Soft Pack (King and 100's), Gold King (Soft Pack and Box), Gold 100's (Soft Pack and Box), Menthol 100's Box, Menthol Soft Pack (King and 100's), and Menthol Gold Soft Pack (King and 100's).

Approval of Smokin Joes' plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>2</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please note that this letter only approves Smokin Joes' cigarette health warning statement rotation plan with respect to the statutory requirements in force prior to the June 22, 2009 enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act ("FSPTCA") concerning the rotation, size, and conspicuousness of the warnings on Smokin Joes' packaging. Moreover, it is not in any way an approval of any other design element, statement, or representation made on packaging or in advertising for Smokin Joes' cigarettes, including, but not limited to, "natural." Nor does this letter purport to interpret or express any opinion about the adequacy of Smokin Joes' packaging and advertising under the FSPTCA or any regulations that have been or might be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services under that statute, including but not limited to the Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco to Protect Children and Adolescents (published March 19, 2010).

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Mr. Jason Meinhart July 17, 2015 Page 4

Because the FSPTCA imposes additional legal requirements on the marketing and sale of cigarettes, you should ensure that you are in compliance with those requirements. For example, since September 22, 2009, the use of certain characterizing flavors (other than tobacco or menthol) in cigarettes has been prohibited. You can find additional information at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm, or www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ForIndustry/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through July 16, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Bonnie McGregor at (202) 326-2356.

Very truly yours,

Mary K. Engle

Associate Director



July 17, 2015

Ms. Mary K. Engle
Associate Director
U.S. Federal Trade Commission
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Division of Advertising Practices
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, CC-10528
Washington, DC 20580

Re: Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC, Ltd. ("Sherman's 1400")

Dear Ms. Engle,

Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC, Ltd. ("Sherman's 1400") had its health warning display plan for packaging most recently approved September 9, 2014 until September 8, 2015 and its current advertising plan approved on July 20, 2009. With this letter, we seek approval for the following additional packaging formats for our Classic brand family in order to comply with FCLAA: Classic FT Box (King – reddish brown color packaging), Classic Blue FT Box (King) and Classic Menthol FT Box (King). The actual pack and carton packaging, with each of the four health warnings, for the three additional packaging formats of Classic which were enclosed with our May 7, 2015 letter are in compliance with Section 911 of The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act of 2009, which became effective June 22, 2010. The four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the packs and cartons submitted with our May 7, 2015 letter.

Sherman's 1400 total domestic shipments for the twelve-month period ending April 30, 2015 (April 30<sup>th</sup> being the end of our fiscal year) were sticks and we anticipate next year's volume to be Sherman's 1400 manufactured and sold in each of its brands less than one-fourth of one (1%) percent of all cigarettes sold in the United States in its 2015 fiscal year, and expects to be below that fraction of sales in the present year. Thus, Sherman's 1400 will take advantage of the alternative to quarterly rotation of the health warnings on its packaging for the three additional packaging formats, pursuant to Section 1333(c)(2). When printing our packaging materials, each of the four warnings will be equally produced then equally used in the production process (25% A, 25% B, etc.) to ensure that we achieve simultaneous display of the Surgeon General's health four warnings on the three additional packaging formats.

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7615 Busing Drive \* Greenshore, NC 27109 tol. 336-665-6060 fax 336-605-1795 Sherman's 1400 will similarly display the four health warnings an equal number of times on the packs and cartons of each of the three additional packaging formats for the twelve-month period beginning on the date of the approval of this plan; or at such time as the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans move from the FTC to the FDA. Sherman's 1400 will maintain records that show compliance with its packaging and advertising plan.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 201-735-9004.

Sincerely,

William M. Sherman Executive Vice President

WMS/MWM/smw

Selected packaging samples from those submitted with the plan.

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette Smoke Contains Carbon Monoxide.

CLASSIC



Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, And May Complicate Pregnancy. SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking

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does **NOT** mean a safer cigarette. 100% Natural tobacco

200 CLASS A CIGARETTES TP-NC-641

W: A



## United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

July 17, 2015

Mr. William M. Sherman Executive Vice President Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC, Ltd. 2200 Fletcher Avenue Fort Lee, NJ 07024

Dear Mr. Sherman:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341 ("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, on September 9, 2014, I approved a plan filed by Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC, Ltd. ("Sherman's 1400") calling for simultaneous display (*i.e.*, the alternative to quarterly rotation) of the four health warnings on packaging for certain varieties of the Black & Gold, Cigarettellos, Classic, Fantasia, Havana Ovals, Hint, MCD, Naturals, and New York Cut brands of cigarettes. In a letter dated July 17, 2015, you now propose to expand Sherman's 1400's plan for the display of the warnings on packaging to include three additional varieties of the Classic brand.

Sherman's 1400's sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your May 7, 2015 letter appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness. Accordingly, Sherman's 1400's expansion of its plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging is hereby approved for the FT Box king (in reddish-brown packaging), Blue FT Box king, and Menthol FT Box king varieties of the Classic brand.

Sherman's 1400 stated in its July 17, 2015 letter that the four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the packs and cartons submitted on this date.

We note that "FT" does not appear on the packaging of the FT Box king, Blue FT Box king, or Menthol FT Box king varieties.

Mr. William M. Sherman July 17, 2015 Page 2

Approval of this plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>3</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please note that this letter only approves Sherman's 1400's cigarette health warning statement rotation plan with respect to the statutory requirements in force prior to the June 22, 2009 enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act ("FSPTCA") concerning the rotation, size, and conspicuousness of the warnings on Sherman's 1400's packaging. Moreover, it is not in any way an approval of any other design element, statement, or representation made on packaging or in advertising for Sherman's 1400's cigarettes, including, but not limited to, "natural." Nor does this letter purport to interpret or express any opinion about the adequacy of Sherman's 1400's packaging and advertising under the FSPTCA or any regulations that have been or might be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services under that statute, including but not limited to the Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco to Protect Children and Adolescents (published March 19, 2010).

Because the FSPTCA imposes additional legal requirements on the marketing and sale of cigarettes, you should ensure that you are in compliance with those requirements. For example, since September 22, 2009, the use of certain characterizing flavors (other than tobacco or menthol) in cigarettes has been prohibited. You can find additional information at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through July 16, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Bonnie McGregor at (202) 326-2356.

Very truly yours,

Mary K Engle
Associate Director

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## United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

July 17, 2015

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Sherman's 1400's sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your May 7, 2015 letter appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness. Accordingly, Sherman's 1400's expansion of its plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging is hereby approved for the FT Box king (in reddish-brown packaging), Blue FT Box king, and Menthol FT Box king varieties of the Classic brand.<sup>2</sup>

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Mr. William M. Sherman July 17, 2015 Page 2

Approval of this plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>3</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through July 16, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Bonnie McGregor at (202) 326-2356.

Very truly yours,

Mary K Engle
Associate Director

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July 2nd, 2015

Ms. Mary K. Engle, Associate Director ATTN:Ms. ARIEN N. PARHAM Division of Advertising Practices Federal Trade commission 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 Dear Ms Engle:

In accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's Memorandum to Potential Cigarette

Manufacturers or Importers, I write to submit our company's plan for compliance with Section 1333
of the Cigarette Act. This plan is limited to ten (10) Westport™ brand styles of cigarettes, including king size box and 100s size box.

*DK Distributors, Inc* was formed as a Florida corporation on December 19, 2009 and operates as a wholesale distribution company. For all correspondence matters please refer to our <u>Corporate Address</u> outlined in the header of this page.

### PACKAGING

### A. WARNING LABEL SIZE & LOCATION

- 1. <u>BRAND</u> DK Distributors, Inc. imports Westport  $^{\text{IM}}$  brand of cigarettes. The company does not import or manufacture any cigarette brand other than Westport.
- 2. <u>BRAND STYLES</u>- As part of this plan, we shall import the following ten (10) Westport™ brand styles:

#	Variety Style	Packaging
1.	King Size (Red)	<b>BOX Packaging</b>
2.	King Size (Blue)	<b>BOX Packaging</b>
3.	King Size (Sky Blue)	<b>BOX Packaging</b>
4.	King Size (Green)	<b>BOX Packaging</b>
5.	King Size (Bright Green)	<b>BOX Packaging</b>
6.	100s Size (Red)	<b>BOX Packaging</b>
7.	100s Size (Blue)	<b>BOX Packaging</b>
8.	100s Size (Sky Blue)	<b>BOX</b> Packaging
9.	100s Size (Green)	<b>BOX Packaging</b>
10.	100s Size (Bright Green)	<b>BOX Packaging</b>

The four health warning labels will be printed on the cigarette packs and cartons of the Westport™ brand of cigarettes. Each cigarette pack will contain twenty cigarettes and each carton will contain ten packs. Each of the four warning labels has been designed to be of appropriate size,

conspicuousness and contrast. The warnings will appear exactly as they do on the samples submitted with our letter of June 14th, 2010 and additional submission with a missing warning of July 13th 2010.

### B. WARNING LABEL SIZE & LOCATION

In order to satisfy the warning label rotation requirement, we have elected the option provided by Section 1333c(2) that allows us to display each of the flour (4) warnings an equal number of times during the year. We comply with the "Cigarette Act" by having our factory's suppliers print the four surgeon general warnings simultaneously in equal numbers at the time of both the pack and carton print runs. The four cigarette health warnings will appear on packs and cartons for each brand style of the Westport\* brand of cigarettes an equal number of times during the one-year period following approval of this plan by the F.T.C. We qualify for this option because the sales of the cigarettes we imported in calendar year 2014 were less than one-fourth of one percent of all the cigarettes sold in the United States during the period. A chart showing DK Distributors, Inc. sales for this period is attached. WE estimate that our company's sales in calendar year 2015 will amount to sticks of Westport\* brand of cigarettes.

### C. RECORDS OF COMPLIANCE

DK Distributors, Inc. will maintain sufficient records to demonstrate compliance with this plan.

#### II. ADVERTISING

DK Distributors, Inc. filed a plan for the use of health warnings in advertising display on August  $16^{th}$ , 2010. We intend to maintain compliance with the aforementioned plan.

If you require any additional information or assistance with this, or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Greta Marcinkeviciute General Manager

DK Distributors, Inc.

# DK Distributors, Inc. Sales by Item Summary January through December 2014



## United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

Division of Advertising Practices

July 27, 2015

Ms. Greta Marcinkeviciute General Manager DK Distributors, Inc. 1404 E. Las Olas Blvd. #2300 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Ms. Marcinkeviciute:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341 ("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, I have reviewed a proposed plan filed by DK Distributors, Inc. ("DK Distributors") dated July 2, 2015, calling for simultaneous display (*i.e.*, the alternative to quarterly rotation) of the four health warnings on packaging for certain varieties of the Westport brand of cigarettes.

DK Distributors' sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your letters dated June 14 and July 13, 2010 continue to appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness.<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, DK Distributors' plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging is hereby approved for the following ten box varieties of the Westport brand: Kings (Red), 100's (Red), Kings (Blue), 100's (Blue), Kings (Sky Blue), 100's (Sky Blue), Kings (Green), 100's (Green), Kings (Bright Green), and 100's (Bright Green).<sup>2</sup>

DK Distributors stated in its letter dated July 2, 2015 that the four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the samples submitted on these dates.

As set forth in its letter dated July 2, 2015, DK Distributors is using colors to identify its varieties of the Westport brand of cigarettes (e.g., "King Size (Red)"). We note that the color names are not printed on the packaging (e.g., the word "Blue" does not appear on the packaging of the "100s Size (Blue)" variety); however, the color referenced in a variety's name does conform to the color used in its packaging.

Ms. Greta Marcinkeviciute July 27, 2015 Page 2

Approval of DK Distributors' plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>3</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please note that this letter only approves DK Distributors' cigarette health warning statement rotation plan with respect to the statutory requirements in force prior to the June 22, 2009 enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act ("FSPTCA") concerning the rotation, size, and conspicuousness of the warnings on packaging for the Westport brand. Moreover, it is not in any way an approval of any other design element, statement, or representation made on packaging or in advertising for DK Distributors' cigarettes. Nor does this letter purport to interpret or express any opinion about the adequacy of DK Distributors' packaging and advertising under the FSPTCA or any regulations that have been or might be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services under that statute, including but not limited to the Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco to Protect Children and Adolescents (published March 19, 2010).

Because the FSPTCA imposes additional legal requirements on the marketing and sale of cigarettes, you should ensure that you are in compliance with those requirements. For example, since September 22, 2009, the use of certain characterizing flavors (other than tobacco or menthol) in cigarettes has been prohibited. You can find additional information at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

Please note that Section 802 of the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000 prohibits the importation of cigarettes unless at the time of entry the importer presents a sworn statement signed by the original cigarette manufacturer stating that the manufacturer has submitted and will continue to submit the list of ingredients to FDA.

This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through July 26, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact William Ducklow at (202) 326-2407.

Very truly yours,

Mary K. Engle

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## X C A L I B E R

INTERNATIONAL, LTD., LLC

Eric Barkley Estes General Counsel Direct Dial: (918) 824-6641 Email: eric@xcaliberinternational.com

July 27, 2015

Ms. Mary K. Engle Associate Director Division of Advertising Practices Federal Trade Commission 601 New Jersey Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: 2015-2016 Plan for Compliance with the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331, et seq. – Brand Styles "Echo," "Edgefield," and "Exeter"

Dear Ms. Engle:

Pursuant to the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act (the "Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331, et seq., Xcaliber International Ltd., L.L.C. ("Xcaliber"), submits the following narrative describing its plan to comply with the health warning display requirements. This plan represents the renewal of the plan previously approved by the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") on July 29, 2014, for the packaging of the brand styles "Echo," "Edgefield," and "Exeter" (collectively, the "Brands"). Through the date of this application, the Surgeon General's warnings on the brand styles' packaging have been equalized in accordance with the Act. All current Brands and their styles are listed on Attachment A. All of the Brands for which this plan is submitted are manufactured in Pryor, Oklahoma, by Xcaliber.

## I. Packaging

- a. Warning Label Size and Location. Warnings will appear exactly as shown in the packs and cartons enclosed with Xcaliber's submissions, dated July 29, 2013, and August 9, 2013. The warning statements are permanently imprinted on cigarette packs and cartons. The samples provided include each of the four warnings on packs and cartons for each brand style submitted.
- b. <u>Warning Label Rotation</u>. Pursuant to Section 1333(c)(2) of the Act, Xcaliber will display the four warnings an equal number of times on the packs and cartons for each of the brand styles of the Brands for one year beginning with the approval date of this plan.

Please note Xcaliber's plan is based on the alternative to quarterly rotation provided in 15 U.S.C. Section 1333(c)(2). Xcaliber hereby states that the

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yearly sales volume for each brand style of the Brands remains below the threshold under which the FTC may permit the plan to display the four warnings an equal number of times during the year. Xcaliber's sales for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, were sticks. A schedule is attached reflecting Xcaliber's sales for 2014 and the first quarter of 2015 sales. This schedule is provided as Attachment B.

Xcaliber requires its print suppliers to produce packaging with all four warnings in a single print run. The 100's size soft pack labels are printed on a roll with an equal number of each warning within a 4-label space. The king size soft pack labels are printed using a press sheet with an equal number of each warning within a 32-label space. The king size box labels are printed using a press sheet with an equal number of each warning within a 28-label space. The 100's size box labels are printed using a press sheet that has a 21-label space. Because one extra space is left on the 100's size box print runs, the extra space rotates between the four warnings an equal number of times throughout the year. For cartons, the press sheet has a 6-label space in which the extra two spaces rotate between two warnings every other run to yield an equal number of warnings throughout the year. Xcaliber's print supplier palletizes the print by hand such that all warnings are randomized equally throughout an order. Xcaliber's print supplier also provides an affidavit with each print run that states that the order has been processed according to these standards.

c. Records of Compliance. Xcaliber maintains a record of the affidavits provided by its print supplier confirming the procedures outlined above. When each order arrives, a set of samples of each warning from each brand style is kept along with the affidavit in Xcaliber's records. The affidavit, along with its order's associated samples, is kept by Xcaliber for a minimum of one year beyond the date of receipt of the print order.

## II. Advertising

Xcaliber continues to be in full compliance with the advertising plan approved August 17, 2012.

If you have any questions, or need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warmest Regards,

Eric B. Estes General Counsel

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## Attachment A

## **ECHO**

Soft Pack	Box
Red 100	Red 100
Gold 100	Gold 100
Blue 100	Blue 100
Menthol 100 (dark green pack)	Menthol 100 (dark green pack)
Menthol Gold 100 (light green pack)	Menthol Gold 100 (light green pack)
Red King	Red King
Gold King	Gold King
Blue King	Blue King
Menthol King (dark green pack)	Menthol King (dark green pack)
Menthol Gold King (light green pack)	Menthol Gold King (light green pack)
Non-Filter King (dark red pack)	Non-Filter King (dark red pack)

## EXETER

Soft Pack	Box
Red 100	Red 100
Gold 100	Gold 100
Blue 100	Blue 100
Menthol 100 (dark green pack)	Menthol 100 (dark green pack)
Menthol Gold 100 (light green pack)	Menthol Gold 100 (light green pack)
Red King	Red King
Gold King	Gold King
Blue King	Blue King
Menthol King (dark green pack)	Menthol King (dark green pack)
Menthol Gold King (light green pack)	Menthol Gold King (light green pack)
Non-Filter King (dark red pack)	Non-Filter King (dark red pack)

## **EDGEFIELD**

Note: Edgefield is only available in a box.

Red 100	Red King
Gold 100	Gold King
Silver 100	Silver King
Menthol 100 (dark green pack)	Menthol King (dark green pack)
Menthol Gold 100 (light green pack)	Menthol Gold King (light green pack)
	Non-Filter King (dark red pack)

## XCALIBER INTERNATIONAL, LTD, LL.C.

Attachment B - Sales
For the Period From Jan 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

Item ID	Description	2014 Cases	2014 Cartons	2014 Sticks	1st Qtr 2015 Cases	1st Qtr 2015 Cartons	1st Qtr 201
111	Echo 100 Box Red						
112	Echo 100 Bex Gold						
13	Echo 100 Box Menthol Gold						
114	Echo 100 Box Menthol	10.41					
16	Echo 100 Box Blue	10000					
21	Echo King Box Red	1000					
122	Echo King Box Gold	A CONTRACTOR					
123	Echo King Box Menthol Gold						
124	Echo King Box Menthol						
125	Echo King Box Non Filter	10000					
126	Echo King Box Blue	18 1 8 1					
211	Echo 100 SP Red						
212	Echo 100 SP Gold						
213	Echo 100 SP Menthol Gold						
214	Echo 100 SP Menthol						
216	Echo 100 SP Blue						
221	Echo King SP Red	19-12-12					
222	Echo King SP Gold						
223 224	Echo King SP Menthol Gold Echo King SP Menthol	1					
225	Echo King SP Non Filter						
226	Echo King SP Blue						
111	Edgefield 100 Box Red						
112	Edgefield 100 Box Gold						
113	Edgefield 100 Box Menthol Gold	0.00					
114	Edgefield 100 Box Menthol	10.00					
116	Edgefield 100 Box Silver	Maria St.					
121	Edgefield King Box Red	10.00					
122	Edgefield King Box Gold						
123	Edgefield Kng Box Menthol Gold						
124	Edgefield King Box Menthol						
125	Edgefield King Box Non Filter						
126	Edgefield King Box Silver						
111	Exeter 100 Box Red						
112	Exeter 100 Box Gold						
113	Exeter 100 Box Menthol Gold						
114	Exeter 100 Box Menthol						
116	Exeter 100 Box Blue						
121	Exeter King Box Red	11 - 12 -					
122	Exeter King Box Gold						
123	Exeter King Box Menthol Gold						
124	Exeter King Box Menthol						
125	Exeter King Box Non Fifter						
126	Exeter King Box Blue	1773					
211 212	Exeter 100 SP Red Exeter 100 SP Gold						
212	Exeter 100 SP Gold						
214	Exeter 100 SP Menthol						
216	Exeter 100 SP Blue						
221	Exeter King SP Red						
	Exeter King SP Gold						
222	•						
	Exeter King SP Menthol Gold						
222 223 224	Exeter King SP Menthol Gold Exeter King SP Menthol						



## United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

Division of Advertising Practices

July 28, 2015

Mr. Eric Barkley Estes General Counsel Xcaliber International, Ltd., LLC One Tobacco Road Pryor, OK 74361

Dear Mr. Estes:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341 ("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, I have reviewed a revised proposed plan filed by Xcaliber International, Ltd., LLC ("Xcaliber") on July 27, 2015, calling for simultaneous display (*i.e.*, the alternative to quarterly rotation) of the four health warnings on packaging for certain varieties of the Echo, Exeter, and Edgefield brands of cigarettes.

Xcaliber's sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your letters dated July 29 and August 9, 2013 continue to appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness.

Accordingly, Xcaliber's plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging is hereby approved for the following varieties: <sup>1</sup>

• Twenty-two varieties of the Echo brand: Red Kings Box, Red Kings Soft Pack, Red 100's Box, Red 100's Soft Pack, Gold Kings Box, Gold Kings Soft Pack, Gold 100's Box, Gold 100's Soft Pack, Blue Kings Box, Blue Kings Soft Pack, Blue 100's Box, Blue 100's Soft Pack, Menthol Kings Box (dark green packaging), Menthol Kings Soft Pack (dark green packaging), Menthol 100's Soft

As set forth in its July 27, 2015 letter, Xcaliber is using colors in the names of a number of its cigarette varieties (e.g., "Echo Red 100's Box"). We note, however, that the color names are not printed on the packaging (e.g., the word "Red" does not appear on the packaging of the "Echo Red 100's Box" variety). The color used for a variety's packaging does conform to the color used in its name, except that the packaging for the "Menthol Gold" varieties is light green in color.

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Pack (dark green packaging), Menthol Gold Kings Box (light green packaging), Menthol Gold Kings Soft Pack (light green packaging), Menthol Gold 100's Box (light green packaging), Menthol Gold 100's Soft Pack (light green packaging), Non-Filter Kings Box, and Non-Filter Kings Soft Pack;

- Twenty-two varieties of the Exeter brand: Red Kings Box, Red Kings Soft Pack, Red 100's Box, Red 100's Soft Pack, Gold Kings Box, Gold Kings Soft Pack, Gold 100's Box, Gold 100's Soft Pack, Blue Kings Box, Blue Kings Soft Pack, Blue 100's Box, Blue 100's Soft Pack, Menthol Kings Box (dark green packaging), Menthol Kings Soft Pack (dark green packaging), Menthol 100's Box (dark green packaging), Menthol 100's Soft Pack (dark green packaging), Menthol Gold Kings Box (light green packaging), Menthol Gold Kings Soft Pack (light green packaging), Menthol Gold 100's Box (light green packaging), Menthol Gold 100's Soft Pack (light green packaging), Non-Filter Kings Box, and Non-Filter Kings Soft Pack; and
- Eleven Box varieties of the Edgefield brand: Red Kings, Red 100's, Gold Kings, Gold 100's, Silver Kings, Silver 100's, Menthol Kings (dark green packaging), Menthol 100's (dark green packaging), Menthol Gold Kings (light green packaging), Menthol Gold 100's (light green packaging), and Non-Filter Kings.

Approval of the plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>2</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please note that this letter only approves Xcaliber's cigarette health warning statement rotation plan with respect to the statutory requirements in force prior to the June 22, 2009 enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act ("FSPTCA") concerning the rotation, size, and conspicuousness of the warnings on Xcaliber's packaging. Moreover, it is not in any way an approval of any other design element, statement, or representation made on packaging or in advertising for Xcaliber's cigarettes. Nor does this letter purport to interpret or express any opinion about the adequacy of Xcaliber's packaging and advertising under the FSPTCA or any regulations that have been or might be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services under that statute, including but not limited to the Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco to Protect Children and Adolescents (published March 19, 2010).

Because the FSPTCA imposes additional legal requirements on the marketing and sale of cigarettes, you should ensure that you are in compliance with those requirements. For example, since September 22, 2009, the use of certain characterizing flavors (other than tobacco or menthol) in cigarettes has been prohibited. You can find additional information at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

Knowingly and willfully making false statements to a federal government agency is a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through July 27, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact William Ducklow at (202) 326-2407.

Very truly yours,

Mary K. Ungle Associate Director

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July 30, 2015

### VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Caitlyn Brady
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Division of Advertising Practices
Federal Trade Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20580

Dear Ms. Brady:

JT International U.S.A., Inc. ("JTI") is planning to introduce limited edition packages and cartons for two brand styles within its "Wave" brand family, namely Wave full flavor king size black pack (hard pack) and Wave menthol king size black pack (hard pack). We enclosed under cover of my letter dated July 9, 2015 individual packages and the cartons utilizing each of the four health warning for both brand styles.

We submitted under cover of my letter dated December 19, 2014 artwork for these packages and cartons with all four health warnings for each brand style.

The warnings will appear on the packaging as shown on the materials submitted under cover of my letter dated July 9, 2015. In all other respects, JT International U.S.A., Inc. will maintain compliance with the approval dated April 2, 2015 and the submittals on which it was based.

In support of JTI's application for extension of Federal Trade Commission approval of its simultaneous display plan for packages and cartons to cover those packaging varieties, JTI affirms that:

(a)	the cigarettes sold by JTI in the U.S. continue to comply with the two-tiered test in Section
	4(c)(2) of the Act. The total number of cigarettes imported by JTI and sold in the United
	States during JTI's last fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 was less than
	and the total number of cigarettes of any brand style imported by
	JTI and sold in the United States during such year was less than
	and therefore (i) each brand style of cigarettes which JTI imported and sold
	accounted for less than one-fourth of one percent of all cigarettes sold in the United States
	during the most recent completed year and (ii) more than one-half (i.e. all) of the cigarettes

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imported by JTI for sale in the United States are packaged into brand styles which meet the requirements of clause (i);

- (b) the statutorily mandated warnings will appear exactly as shown on the sample individual packages and cartons (or bundles) submitted to and approved by the Federal Trade Commission unless and until revised sample individual packages and cartons are submitted to the Federal Trade Commission on JTI's behalf and approved by the Federal Trade Commission; and
- (c) JTI will equally display the four warning labels specified in Section 4(a)(1) of the Act on packages and cartons of cigarettes for each brand style for the one year period beginning on the date of approval for the Plan and JTI will keep records demonstrating compliance with the Plan.

JTI will import and sell packages and cartons of each such brand style in equal numbers of each warning label throughout the one-year period after this application is approved as set forth on the Attachment 1 hereto. As a result, if requirements for new warnings were to become effective on any date, the current warnings will have been utilized in equal proportions prior to then on such brand styles.

Please confirm that this packaging is approved. Our client would appreciate it if this review could be handled as promptly as possible. We enclosed under cover of my letter dated July 9, 2015 a Federal Express airway bill which can be utilized to send an approval to me.

Thank you in advance for your kind and prompt consideration.

Very truly yours,

#### Attachment 1

"Wave" packaging is printed using the offset method. Rotation of warnings is based on percentage on each sheet of packaging printed. With four health warnings, equal distribution would be 25% of the sheet per warning. All packaging is preprinted and supplied to the factory where it is made into final consumer packaging.

The round corner box utilizes two printing plates, each configured with 22 facings. The two plates are rotated so that they are used equally and collectively have 44 ups in a rotation. Each warning is printed at 11 times per set of two sheets in a rotation, comprising 25% of the sheets.

All round corner box share the same carton printing configuration. These cartons are printed using plates with 4 facings. Each sheet is printed with 4 ups per rotation. Warnings A, B, C and D each comprise 25% of the sheet, appearing once.

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Selected packaging samples from those submitted with the plan.

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# United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

July 30, 2015

Neal N. Beaton, Esq. Holland & Knight, LLP 31 West 52nd Street New York, NY 10019

Dear Mr. Beaton:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341 ("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, on April 2, 2015, I approved a plan filed by Japan Tobacco International U.S.A., Inc. and its affiliates' (collectively "JTI") calling for simultaneous display (i.e., the alternative to quarterly rotation) of the four health warnings on packaging for certain varieties of the Export 'A,' Wave, and Wings brands of cigarettes. In a letter dated July 30, 2015, you now propose to expand JTI's plan for simultaneous display of the warnings on packaging to include two limited edition varieties of the Wave brand.

JTI's sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your letter dated July 9, 2015 appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness. Accordingly, JTI's expansion of its plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging is hereby approved for the following two king size, hard pack varieties of the Wave brand: Full Flavor Black Pack and Menthol Black Pack.

Approval of JTI's plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>2</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

JTI stated in its July 30, 2015 letter that the four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the packs and cartons submitted on July 9, 2015.

Knowingly and willfully making false statements to a federal government agency is a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Neal N. Beaton, Esq. July 30, 2015 Page 2

Please note that this letter only approves the expansion of JTI's cigarette health warning statement rotation plan with respect to the statutory requirements in force prior to the June 22, 2009 enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act ("FSPTCA") concerning the rotation, size, and conspicuousness of the warnings on JTI's packaging. Moreover, it is not in any way an approval of any other design element, statement, or representation made on packaging or in advertising for JTI's cigarettes. Nor does this letter purport to interpret or express any opinion about the adequacy of JTI's packaging and advertising under the FSPTCA or any regulations that have been or might be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services under that statute, including but not limited to the Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco to Protect Children and Adolescents (published March 19, 2010).

Because the FSPTCA imposes additional legal requirements on the marketing and sale of cigarettes, you should ensure that you are in compliance with those requirements. For example, since September 22, 2009, the use of certain characterizing flavors (other than tobacco or menthol) in cigarettes has been prohibited. You can find additional information at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

Please also note that Section 802 of the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000 prohibits the importation of cigarettes unless at the time of entry the importer presents a sworn statement signed by the original cigarette manufacturer stating that the manufacturer has submitted and will continue to submit the list of ingredients to FDA.

This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through July 29, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Bonnie McGregor at (202) 326-2356.

May K. Engle

Associate Director



## King Mountain Tobacco Company Inc.

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August 11, 2015

Ms. Mary K. Engle Associate Director Bureau of Consumer Protection Division of Advertising Practices Federal Trade Commission 601 New Jersey Ave. NW Washington, DC 20580

RE: King Mountain Tobacco Company, Inc. – King Mountain Cigarette Labeling Rotation Renewal Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1333(c)(2)

Dear Ms. Engle,

King Mountain Tobacco Company, Inc., is a manufacturer of tobacco products located at 2000 Fort Simcoe Road; White Swan, WA 98952. Delbert Lauren Wheeler, Sr. is the President of King Mountain Tobacco Company, Inc.

This is an application pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1333(c)(2) for annual approval of the plan of King Mountain Tobacco Company, Inc., for the display of the four health warnings on packaging for its King Mountain Cigarette Brand. Your Office last approved King Mountain's plan for the display of the Health Warnings on the packaging of the King Mountain Cigarettes on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and there has been no changes in packaging since that time. The four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the packaging that was submitted June 23, 2015 for your review. Please note that we manufacture Fire Safe Cigarettes (FSC) and Non Fire Safe Cigarettes. Fire Safe Cigarettes can be identified by the letter "FSC" in bold font above the UPC code on both cartons and cigarette boxes. Non Fire Safe Cigarettes will not show any lettering above its UPC on both cartons and cigarette boxes.

King Mountain Tobacco Company, Inc.; (KMT) confirms and warrants that it will conduct its operations so that the four warnings specified in 15 U.S.C. §1333(a)(1) will appear an equal number of times on the packs and cartons of each brand style of Fire Safe and Non Fire Safe King Mountain Cigarettes it manufacturers during the twelve month period following approval of this application. In order to ensure equal distribution of the four warnings specified in 15 U.S.C. §1333(a)(1), KMT will require that one-fourth of each order of package and carton material be printed with each of the four warnings. KMT will keep records demonstrating compliance with the plan (please see attachment A & B). Attachment A shows Press Run A and Press Run B, each press run is ran on an alternating sequence, for both Fire Safe and Non Fire Safe to ensure an equal amount of the Surgeon General Warning Labels per order of packaging. Attachment B indicates the warning labels that are used within Run A and Run B. Should there be any residual or additional packaging that is needed to be added or subtracted from inventory

in order to obtain 100% compliance of the proper Surgeon General Warning Rotation as specified in 15 U.S.C. §1333(a)(1) will be done manually if needed by King Mountain Employee's before the first day of the following year. Sales of King Mountain did not exceed one-fourth of one percent of cigarettes sold in the United States during the calendar year of 2014. KMT's fiscal year is the calendar year.

KMT manufacturers King Mountain cigarettes under Tobacco Manufacturing License Number TP-WA-15000. King Mountain is the only brand of cigarettes KMT manufactures.

As you know, cigarette labeling in the United States is governed in part by the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, as amended, 36 U.S.C. §§1331-41. The Commission may grant the twelve months simultaneous display label rotation cycle that KMT requests if:

(i)the number of cigarettes of such brand style sold in the fiscal year of the manufacturer or importer preceding the submission of the application is less than one-fourth of one percent of all the cigarettes sold in the United States in such year, and

(ii)more than one-half of the cigarettes manufactured or imported by such manufacturer or importer for sale in the United States are packaged into brand styles which met the requirements of clause (i).

15 U.S.C. §1333(c)(2)(A). The term "brand style" is defined in the statue to mean:

A variety of cigarettes distinguished by the tobacco used, tar and nicotine content, flavoring used size of the cigarette, filtration on the cigarette, or packaging.

15 U.S.C. §1332(8)

KMT plans to manufacture the following hard pack styles of King Mountain:

Red King (Fire Safe)Red 100's (Fire Safe)Gold King (Fire Safe)Gold 100's (Fire Safe)Blue King (Fire Safe)Blue 100's (Fire Safe)Menthol King (Fire Safe)Menthol 100's (Fire Safe)Menthol Gold King (Fire Safe)Menthol Gold 100's (Fire Safe)

Red King (Non Fire Safe)Red 100's (Non Fire Safe)Gold King (Non Fire Safe)Gold 100's (Non Fire Safe)Blue King (Non Fire Safe)Blue 100's (Non Fire Safe)Menthol King (Non Fire Safe)Menthol 100's (Non Fire Safe)Menthol Gold King (Non Fire Safe)Menthol Gold 100's (Non Fire Safe)

During 2014, KMT sold sticks of the King Mountain Brand. King Mountain Red 100's was the highest selling style with sticks. This amount is clearly "less than one-fourth of 1 percent of all cigarettes sold in the United States in 2014, as required by 15 U.S.C. §1333(c)(2)(A)(i). Estimated sales for 2015 are sticks, with King Mountain Red 100's (hard pack) selling approximately sticks. KMT received approval for our advertising plan on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and there have been no changes in our advertising plan since that time and KMT will maintain compliance with that plan.

If any additional information is needed please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Kanim B. James

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#### ATTACHMENT A

#### KING MOUNTAIN - SGW ROTATION

Press Run A

85MM CPB	s NON F	SC - Run 30			85MM CPB	s FSC - Ru	in 30 UP		
Warning A	W	arning B	Warning C	Warning D	Warning A	Wa	rning B	Warning C	Warning D
Red	7	7	g	8	Red	8	8	7	7
Gold	8	8	7	7	Gald	7	7	8	8
Menthol	7	7	8	8	Menthol	8	8	7	7
Blue	8	8	7	7	Blue	7	7	8	8
Menthol Gold	7	7	В	8	Menthol Gold	8	8	7	7
TOTAL	37	37	38	38	TOTAL:	38	38	37	37
100MM CPE	Bs NON I	SC - Run 20	UP		100MM CPE	Bs FSC - R	un 20 UP		
Warning A	W:	arning B	Warning C	Warning D	Warning A	Wa	rning B	Warning C	Warning D
Red	5	5	5	5	Red	5	S	5	5
Gold	5	5	5	5	Gold	5	5	5	5
Menthol	5	5	5	5	Menthol	5	5	5	5
Blue	5	5	5	5	Blue	5	5	5	5
Menthol Gold	5	5	5	5	Menthal Gold	5	5	5	5
TOTAL:	25	25	25	25	TOTAL:	25	25	25	25
85MM Oute	r Carton	NON FSC -	Run 6 UP		85MM Oute	r Cartons	FSC - Run	5 UP	
Warning A	Wa	rning B	Warning C	Warning D	Warning A	Wai	ning B	Warning C	Warning D
Red	1	1	2	2	Red	2	2	1	1
Gold	2	2	1	1	Gold	1	1	2	2
Menthol	1	1	2	2	Menthol	2	2	1	1
Blue	1	1	2	2	Blue	2	2	1	1
Menthol Gold	2	2	1	1	Menthal Gold	1	1	2	2
TOTAL:	7	7	8	8	TOTAL:	8	8	7	7
100MM Oute	ur Cartar	s NON ESC -	- Run 6 UP		100MM Oute	er Carton	s FSC - Run	6 UP	
	a Cartur								
Warning A		ning B	Warning C	Warning D	Warning A	War	ning B	Warning C	Warning D
Warning A Red				2	Red	War 2	ning B 2	Waming C 1	Warning O 1
_	Wai	rning B 1 2	Warning C 2 1	2	Red Gald	2 1		_	-
Red	Wai 1	ning B 1	Warning C 2 1 2	2 1 2	Red	2	2	1	1
Red Gold	Wai 1 2	rning B 1 2	Warning C 2 1	2	Red Gald	2 1	2	1 2	1 2
Red Gold Menthol	Wai 1 2 1	rning B 1 2 1	Warning C 2 1 2	2 1 2	Red Gold Menthol	2 1 2	2 1 2	1 2 1	1 2 1



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#### KING MOUNTAIN - SGW ROTATION

Press Run B

85MM CPB	s NON F	SC - Run 30 (	UP		85MM CPB	s FSC	- Run 30 UP		
Warning A		arning B	Warning C	Warning D	Warning A		Warning 8	Warning C	Warning D
Red	8	8	7	7	Red	7	7	8	8
Gold	7	7	8	8	Gold	8	8	7	7
Menthol	8	8	7	7	Menthol	7	7	8	8
Blue	7	7	8	8	Blue	8	8	7	7
Menthol	8	8	7	7	Menthol	7	7	ź	8
Gold					Gold				
TOTAL:	38	38	37	37	TOTAL:	37	37	38	38
100MM CPI	s NON	FSC - Run 20	UP		100MM CP	3s FS	C - Run 20 UP		
Warning A	W	arning 8	Warning C	Warning D	Warning A		Warning B	Warning C	Warning D
Red	5	5	5	5	Red	5	5	5	5
Gald	5	5	5	5	Gold	5	5	5	5
Menthol	5	5	5	5	Menthal	5	5	5	5
Blue	5	5	5	5	Blue	5	5	5	5
Menthol	5	5	5	5	Menthol	5	5	- 5	5
Gold					Gold				
TOTAL:	25	25	25	25	TOTAL:	25	25	25	25
85MM Oute		s NON FSC -					tons FSC - Run 6	i UP	
Warning A		rning B	Warning C	Warning D	Warning A		Warning B	Warning C	Warning D
Red	2	2	1	1	Red	1	1	2	2
Gold	1	1	2	2	Gold	2	2	1	1
Menthol	2	2	1	1	Menthol	1	1	2	2
Blue	2	2	1	1	Blue	1	1	2	2
Menthal	1	1	2	2	Menthol	2	2	1	1
Gold			_	_	Gold	_	_		
TOTAL:	8	8	7	7	TOTAL	7	7	g	8
100MM Oute	er Carto	s NON FSC-					rtons FSC - Run		
Warning A		rning B	Warning C	Warning D	Waming A		Warning B	Warning C	Warning D
Red	2	2	1	1	Red	1	1	2	2
Gold	1	1	2	2	Gold	2	. 2	1	1
Menthol	2	2	1	1	Menthol	1	1	2	2
Blue	1	1	2	2	Blue	2	2	1	1
Menthol	2	2	1	1	Menthol	1	1	2	2
Gold			_	_	Gold	_	<u> 1</u>	_	_
TOTAL:	8	8	7	7	TOTAL	7	7	8	8

TOTALS (Between Press Run A & B) 85MM CPBs NON FSC - Run 30 UP	Warning A 75	Warning 8 75	Warning C 75	Warning <b>D</b> 75
100MM CPBs NON FSC - Run 20 UP	50	50	50	50
85MM Outer Cartons NON FSC - Run 6 UP	15	15	15	15
100MM Outer Cartons NON FSC - Run 6 UP	15	15	15	15
85MM CPBs FSC - Run 30 UP	75	75	75	75
100MM CP8s FSC - Run 20 UP	50	50	50	50
85MM Outer Cartons FSC - Run 6 UP	15	15	15	15
100MM Outer Cartons FSC - Run 6 UP	15	15	15	15
BRAND TOTAL	310	310	310	310

#### King Mountain Tobacco Warnings

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SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, And May Complicate Pregnancy.

В SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Quitting Smoking Now Greatly Reduces Serious Risks to Your Health.

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking By Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, And Low Birth Weight.

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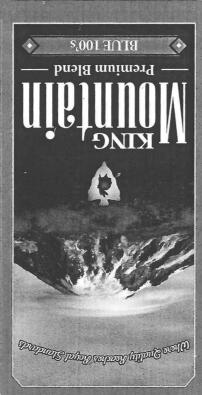
SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette Smoke Contains Carbon Monoxide.

Selected packaging samples from those submitted with the plan.

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking By Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, And Low Birth Weight.











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SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING:

Quitting, Smoking Now Greatly Reduces Serious Risks to Your Health.



# United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

Advertising Practices

August 11, 2015

Mr. Kanim B. James King Mountain Tobacco Company, Inc. P.O. Box 422 White Swan, WA 98952

Dear Mr. James:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, I have reviewed a revised proposed plan filed by King Mountain Tobacco Company, Inc. ("KMTC") on August 11, 2015, calling for simultaneous display (*i.e.*, the alternative to quarterly rotation) of the four health warnings on packaging for certain hard pack varieties of the King Mountain brand of cigarettes.

KMTC's sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your letter dated June 23, 2015 continue to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness.<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, KMTC's plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging is hereby approved for the following hard pack varieties of the King Mountain brand: Red (Kings and 100's), Gold (Kings and 100's), Blue (Kings and 100's), Menthol (Kings and 100's), and Menthol Gold (Kings and 100's). Approval of the plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>2</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> KMTC stated in its August 11, 2015 letter that the four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the sample packs and cartons submitted on June 23, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Knowingly and willfully making false statements to a federal government agency is a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Mr. Kanim B. James August 11, 2015 Page 2

Please note that this letter only approves KMTC's cigarette health warning statement rotation plan with respect to the statutory requirements in force prior to the June 22, 2009 enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act ("FSPTCA") concerning the rotation, size, and conspicuousness of the warnings on KMTC's packaging. Moreover, it is not in any way an approval of any other design element, statement, or representation made on packaging or in advertising for KMTC's cigarettes. Nor does this letter purport to interpret or express any opinion about the adequacy of KMTC's packaging and advertising under the FSPTCA or any regulations that have been or might be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services under that statute, including but not limited to the Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco to Protect Children and Adolescents (published March 19, 2010).

Because the FSPTCA imposes additional legal requirements on the marketing and sale of cigarettes, you should ensure that you are in compliance with those requirements. For example, since September 22, 2009, the use of certain characterizing flavors (other than tobacco or menthol) in cigarettes has been prohibited. You can find additional information at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through August 10, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Bonnie McGregor at (202) 326-2356.

Very truly yours,

Associate Director

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August 12, 2015

#### **VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS and E-MAIL**

Ms. Mary K. Engle Associate Director Division of Advertising Practices Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20580

# Cigarette Health Warning Plan Cherokee Tobacco Company, LLC and CHEROKEE brand

Dear Ms. Engle:

On behalf of Cherokee Tobacco Company, LLC ("Cherokee") we hereby submit a request to renew the Surgeon General's Equalization Plan for Cherokee as required under the *Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act of 1984* (15 U.S.C. § 1331 (1998), et seq.), as amended ("FCLAA"), for all styles of CHEROKEE brand soft pack and hard pack varieties. Cherokee previously submitted its 2014 Plan Renewal on August 12, 2014 and your office approved the prior Plan on August 19, 2014.

Through the date of this application, the Surgeon General's warnings on the packages for the brand styles of the CHEROKEE brand have been equalized in accordance with the Plan.

Cherokee continues as the exclusive distributor of CHEROKEE brand cigarettes in the U.S. and holder of exclusive rights to the trademark for the CHEROKEE brand. Scott D. Batson is Chief Operating Officer of Cherokee and Firebird Manufacturing, LLC ("Firebird"). The location of the factory remains at 1057 Bill Tuck Highway, South Boston, VA 24592. The contract manufacturer is Firebird. We do not import or export any cigarettes of this brand.

Cherokee has a plan for the following styles:

Cherokee Red Kings soft pack, Cherokee Red 100's soft pack, Cherokee Blue Kings soft pack, Cherokee Blue 100's soft pack, Cherokee Blue Kings Box, Cherokee Menthol Green Kings soft pack, Cherokee Menthol Green 100's soft pack, Cherokee Menthol Gold Kings soft pack, Cherokee Menthol Gold 100's soft pack, Cherokee Sky Kings soft pack, Cherokee Sky 100's soft pack, Cherokee Non Filter soft pack, Cherokee Red Kings Box.

#### TROUTMAN SANDERS

Ms. Mary Angle August 12, 2015 Page 2

In fiscal year 2014, our total sales were sticks of the Cherokee brand. Anticipated sales of CHEROKEE in fiscal year 2015 will total sticks.

Four copies of each style (packs and cartons) were provided as enclosures to our letter of June 3, 2010. The warnings will appear exactly as shown on the samples provided with that letter. Cherokee will equalize the four health warnings on the packs and cartons for each brand style listed in the Plan for the one year period beginning on the date of approval of this Plan.

Beginning on the date of approval of this Plan, Cherokee will ensure that the printer will print all 4 warnings in equal numbers on each printed sheet of packaging for all cartons and packs, so when sheets are cut, the display of warnings will be approximately equalized on packs and cartons for each brand style. Based on the above, Cherokee requests approval to use the equalization option provided in Section 1333(c)(2) of the FCLAA. Cherokee will keep records demonstrating compliance with this Plan.

For advertising materials, there are no changes from the prior Plan dated April 11, 2005.

We submit that the foregoing complies with the requirements set forth in the FCLAA, and request expedited approval of this request. Should this request conform to your requirements, we request that the letter evidencing approval be faxed to me at (804) 698-5140. Should you require any additional information with respect to the foregoing please contact me at 804-697-1272 or on my cell phone (804-350-2640).

Very truly yours,

Nancyellen Keane

Enclosures



#### United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

Division of Advertising Practices

August 27, 2015

Nancyellen Keane, Esq. Troutman Sanders LLP 1001 Haxall Point P.O. Box 1122 Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Ms. Keane:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341 ("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, I have reviewed a proposed plan filed on behalf of Cherokee Tobacco Company, LLC ("Cherokee") on August 12, 2015, calling for simultaneous display (*i.e.*, the alternative to quarterly rotation) of the four health warnings on packaging for certain varieties of the Cherokee brand of cigarettes.

Cherokee's sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your letter dated June 3, 2010 continue to appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness.<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, Cherokee's plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging is hereby approved for the following fourteen varieties of the Cherokee brand: Red Kings (soft pack and Box), Red 100's soft pack, Blue Kings (soft pack and Box), Blue 100's soft pack, Menthol Green Kings (soft pack and Box), Menthol Green 100's soft pack, Menthol Gold soft pack (Kings and 100's), Sky soft pack (Kings and 100's), and Non-Filter soft pack.

Approval of the plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>2</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Cherokee stated in its August 12, 2015 letter that the four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the sample packs and cartons submitted on June 3, 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Knowingly and willfully making false statements to a federal government agency is a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Nancyellen Keane, Esq. August 27, 2015 Page 2

Please note that this letter only approves Cherokee's cigarette health warning statement rotation plan with respect to the statutory requirements in force prior to the June 22, 2009 enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act ("FSPTCA") concerning the rotation, size, and conspicuousness of the warnings on Cherokee's packaging. Moreover, it is not in any way an approval of any other design element, statement, or representation made on packaging or in advertising for Cherokee's cigarettes. Nor does this letter purport to interpret or express any opinion about the adequacy of Cherokee's packaging and advertising under the FSPTCA or any regulations that have been or might be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services under that statute, including but not limited to the Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco to Protect Children and Adolescents (published March 19, 2010).

Because the FSPTCA imposes additional legal requirements on the marketing and sale of cigarettes, you should ensure that you are in compliance with those requirements. For example, since September 22, 2009, the use of certain characterizing flavors (other than tobacco or menthol) in cigarettes has been prohibited. You can find additional information at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through August 26, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Arien Parham at (202) 326-2696.

Very truly yours,

Associate Director

#### MARKETING GROUP USA INC.

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August 26, 2015

Ms. Mary K. Engle
Federal Trade Commission,
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Washington, D.C. 20580

RE: Annual Extension for the Approved Cigarette Warning Equalization Plan, Packaging compliant with Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act Point of Sale Advertising

Dear Ms. Engle;

This letter is being submitted for the extension of the approval of the Surgeon General Warning Equalization Plan for the display of the four health warnings on packaging of the New York New York cigarette brand.

The initial approval was issued on January 27, 2009 valid to January 26, 2010.

A subsequent extension was granted on April 01, 2010 valid to March 31, 2011 for Full Flavor hard pack (Kings and 100's), Menthol hard pack (Kings and 100's), and Non Filter Kings soft pack.

On September 28, 2010, an application to approve new packaging to comply with The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (FSPTCA) was submitted.

New packaging was submitted on August 05, 2010 as follows:

Red Box 100 Size, formerly Full Flavor 100's Red Box King Size, formerly Full Flavor Kings

Gold Box 100 Size, formerly Lights Gold Box King Size, formerly Lights Silver Box 100 Size, formerly Ultra Lights

Menthol Box 100 Size

Menthol King Size

Menthol Gold Box, formerly Menthol Light

#### Non-Filter Box King Size, formerly Non-Filter Soft Pack

That application for the change of brand style names was approved on September 30, 2010.

A subsequent plan extension was approved on October 31, 2011, valid to September 21, 2012.

A subsequent plan extension was approved on August 28, 2012, valid to August 27, 2013.

A subsequent plan extension was approved on August 28, 2013, valid to August 27, 2014.

A subsequent plan extension was approved on August 21, 2014, valid to August 20, 2015.

Through the date of this application, the Surgeon General Warnings have been equalized on our packaging for the nine brand styles of New York New York Brand cigarettes.

The New York New York brand will continue to be manufactured in the United States by our contract manufacturer Joseph M. Anderson d/b/a Smokin Joes for Marketing Group USA, Inc. Upon approval of this extension, the contract manufacturer will continue to manufacture these cigarettes under the authority of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (Manufacturer of Tobacco Products License TP-NY-168).

Marketing Group USA, Inc. does not import cigarettes.

New York New York brand cigarettes will be manufactured in a variety of styles. The following varieties of New York New York cigarettes are the only brand styles of cigarettes that we manufacture and will be manufactured in accordance with both FTC and FSPTCA rules and regulations:

Red Box King Size, Red Box 100 Size
Gold Box King Size, Gold Box 100 Size
Silver Box 100 Size
Menthol Box King Size, Menthol Box 100 Size
Non-filter Box King Size

These cigarettes will be packaged in 200 count cartons ("Outer Cartons"). Each Outer Carton will contain 10 (10) packs ("Pack") of twenty (20) cigarettes each pack. The warnings will appear exactly as they do on the actual pack labels and cartons submitted under Exhibit A of our letter of August 05, 2010 and approved on September 30, 2010.

United States stick sales for the period January 01, 2014 to December. The breakdown of the number of stick sales are indicated in a graph at	
cigarettes were were	These cigarettes

In addition, stick sales for the period January 01, 2015 to July 31, 2015 were breakdown of the number of stick sales are indicated in a graph attached as Exhibit 1A. These

cigarettes were exported in accordance with all federal and state regulations. There were no United States sales during this period.

United States sales estimates for the next one year period for the varieties of New York New York brands listed above are provided in **Exhibit 2.** Marketing Group USA, Inc. does not anticipate that the total of all brand styles of its cigarettes will **exceed** sticks in sales for the one year period to be covered by this plan.

Upon approval of the extension, the four cigarette health warnings will appear on the packs and cartons of each of the brand styles listed above an equal number of times for the one year period beginning on the date of approval of this plan. To ensure the cigarette warnings appear on each of the above listed brand styles an equal number of times throughout the plan year, raw materials packaging inventory will be stored and loaded into packaging machines alternating the four health warnings equally

Marketing Group USA will maintain compliance with the September 28, 2010 Plan for point of sale advertising for the New York New York Brand, and with the September 29, 2011 Plan for the internet advertising for the New York new York Brand

Marketing Group USA, Inc. is aware of the requirements set forth in the Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act and the company's efforts are always to be fully compliant with the Act. Marketing Group USA, Inc. will maintain records of compliance with the approved plan.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to this important request for extension. If there are any questions or concerns regarding these plans, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely.

Mary Najjar President

### EXHIBIT 1

UNITED STATES SALES NEW YORK NEW YORK PRODUCTS	Stick Sales (Actual) 01/01/2014 to 12/31/2014	
NYNY Red 100 Size Box		
NYNY Red King Size Box		
NYNY Gold 100 Size Box		
NYNY Gold King Size Box		
NYNY Menthol 100 Size Box		
NYNY Menthol King Size Box		
NYNY Menthol Gold 100 Size Box		
NYNY Silver 100 Size Box		
NYNY Non-Filter King Size Box		
TOTAL		

#### **EXHIBIT 1A**

EXPORT SALES NEW YORK NEW YORK PRODUCTS	Total (actual) Stick Sales 01/01/2015 to 07/13/2015
NYNY Red 100 Size Box	
NYNY Red King Size Box	
NYNY Gold 100 Size Box	
NYNY Gold King Size Box	
NYNY Menthol 100 Size Box	
NYNY Menthol King Size Box	
NYNY Menthol Gold 100 Size Box	
NYNY Silver 100 Size Box	
NYNY Non-Filter King Size Box	
TOTAL	

### **EXHIBIT 2**

	Total Estimated Stick Sales August 01, 2015 to July 3
NYNY Red 100 Size Box	
NYNY Red King Size Box	
NYNY Gold 100 Size Box	
NYNY Gold King Size Box	
NYNY Menthol 100 Size Box	
NYNY Menthol King Size Box	
NYNY Menthol Gold 100 Size Box	
NYNY Silver 100 Size Box	
NYNY Non-Filter King Size Box	



#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Federal Trade Commission Washington, D.C. 20580

August 27, 2015

Ms. Mary Najjar President Marketing Group USA, Inc. 2801 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 304 San Diego, CA 92108

Dear Ms. Najjar:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341 ("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, I have reviewed a revised proposed plan filed by Marketing Group USA, Inc. ("Marketing Group") on August 26, 2015, calling for simultaneous display (*i.e.*, the alternative to quarterly rotation) of the four health warnings on packaging for certain varieties of the "New York New York" brand of cigarettes.

Marketing Group's sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your letter dated August 5, 2010 continue to appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness. Accordingly, Marketing Group's plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging is hereby approved for the following nine box varieties of the New York New York brand: Red (King and 100's), Gold (King and 100's), Silver 100's, Menthol (King and 100's), Menthol Gold 100's, and Non-filter King.

Approval of the plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>2</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Marketing Group stated in its August 26, 2015 letter that the four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the packs and cartons submitted on August 5, 2010.

Knowingly and willfully making false statements to a federal government agency is a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Ms. Mary Najjar August 27, 2015 Page 2

Please note that this letter only approves Marketing Group's cigarette health warning statement rotation plan with respect to the statutory requirements in force prior to the June 22, 2009 enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act ("FSPTCA") concerning the rotation, size, and conspicuousness of the warnings on Marketing Group's packaging. Moreover, it is not in any way an approval of any other design element, statement, or representation made on packaging or in advertising for Marketing Group's cigarettes. Nor does this letter purport to interpret or express any opinion about the adequacy of Marketing Group's packaging and advertising under the FSPTCA or any regulations that have been or might be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services under that statute, including but not limited to the Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco to Protect Children and Adolescents (published March 19, 2010).

Because the FSPTCA imposes additional legal requirements on the marketing and sale of cigarettes, you should ensure that you are in compliance with those requirements. For example, since September 22, 2009, the use of certain characterizing flavors (other than tobacco or menthol) in cigarettes has been prohibited. You can find additional information at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through August 26, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact William Ducklow at (202) 326-2407.

Very truly yours,

Associate Director



August 31, 2015

Ms. Mary Engle
Associate Director
Division of Advertising Practices
Federal Trade Commission
Mail Drop CC-10528
600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20580

RE: ITG BRANDS, LLC

PACKAGING REVISIONS FOR WINSTON, SALEM, KOOL AND

**MAVERICK AND PLAN EXPANSION** 

Dear Ms. Engle:

On June 12, 2015, in correspondence to Rhondetta Walton, you advised that ITG Brands' plan for the display of the four health warnings on packaging of Winston, Salem, Kool and Maverick had been approved. This revision is being requested as packaging has been updated to: (i) modify the SGW panel on certain variants which were approved only through September 4, 2015 (these variants are referred to as the "Provisionally Approved Variants"); (ii) reflect ITG Brands as the manufacturer; (iii) reposition / add certain informational and/or graphic elements. Therefore, ITG Brands advises of its request to change the packs and cartons for the following brand styles:

Winston Red 100s Box Winston Red King Box Winston Gold 100s Box Winston Gold King Box Winston White 100s Box Winston White King Box

Salem Menthol 100s Box
Salem Menthol King Box
Salem Menthol Gold 100s Box
Salem Menthol Gold King Box
Salem Menthol Silver 100s Box
Salem Menthol Silver King Box
Salem Menthol Slim 100s Box

Kool Menthol King Box Kool Menthol King Soft Pack Kool Menthol Blue 100s Box Kool Menthol Blue King Box Kool Menthol Super Longs 100s Box Kool Menthol XL Blue Box (79 mm)

Kool Menthol XL Green Box (79 mm)

Maverick King Box
Maverick 100s Box
Maverick Gold King Box
Maverick Gold 100s Box
Maverick Silver 100s Box
Maverick Menthol King Box
Maverick Menthol 100s Box
Maverick Menthol Gold 100s Box
Maverick Menthol Silver 100s Box

In addition, ITG Brands requests approval to expand its current plan to add pack and carton designs for the following brand styles:

Winston Full Flavor 100s Box (Full Rich Tobacco Flavor)
Winston Full Flavor King Box (Full Rich Tobacco Flavor)
Winston Menthol 100s Box
Winston Menthol King Box
Winston Blue King Box

Sample packs and cartons for all of the above-referenced brand styles were submitted on July 27 and August 18 (revised pack samples of Winston Gold 100s and King Box). With the exception of the five (5) Winston variants that are included for plan expansion purposes, the packaging submitted July 27 and August 18 (revised pack samples of Winston Gold 100s and King Box) will replace the Winston, Salem, Kool and Maverick packaging currently approved by the FTC.

ITG Brands also requests that the FTC approval for the packaging for the Provisionally Approved Variants be extended through December 31, 2015. As explained in our letter of June 11, 2015, implementation of changes in packaging requires various steps and a significant amount of lead time. For instance, once ITG Brands receives FTC approval for the new packaging we will advise our outside graphics company to start engraving cylinders, a necessary step for large-scale packaging production. The graphics company has advised it will take

approximately 80 production days to conclude the cylinder engraving process for all packs and cartons. In addition, material orders for the quarter beginning October 1, 2015, must be placed a minimum of four to six weeks in advance, in order to assure timely production and delivery to manufacturing. Therefore, ITG Brands respectfully requests an approval extension for the Provisionally Approved Variants through December 31, 2015, which is necessary to ensure compliance by ITG Brands.<sup>1</sup>

All health warnings read precisely as required by the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act and will appear exactly as shown on the samples submitted July 27 and August 18 (revised pack samples of Winston Gold 100s and King Box).

As stated in its plan of June 11, beginning with the quarter starting October 1, 2015, ITG Brands requests approval to begin following the quarterly labeling rotation schedule attached hereto as **Exhibit A-1**. ITG Brands also requests approval to continue to begin using packages bearing the October-December quarter's label statement up to five (5) production days prior to the commencement of the October-December quarter and to continue using packaging bearing the July-September quarter's label statement up to five (5) production days after the end of the July-September quarter.

Until October 1, 2015, ITG Brands requests approval to continue to utilize the transitional quarterly labeling rotation schedule attached hereto as **Exhibit A-2**. Both quarterly labeling rotation schedules (Exhibits A-1 and A-2) utilize the warning corresponding to the quarter in which the product is packaged. ITG Brands will maintain records documenting compliance with the rotation plans.

ITG Brands will continue to be in compliance with the June 11, 2015 plan for advertising Winston, Salem, Kool and Maverick (the rotation schedule for which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**), which did not include a plan for display of the warnings in internet advertising. ITG Brands reaffirms that prior to engaging in internet advertising it will submit a plan to FTC requesting approval to add internet advertising to its plans for these brands.

If you require any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Rhondetta G. Walton Sr. Legal Counsel

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Request for approval extension for the Provisionally Approved Variants through December 31, 2015, is based on an FTC approval date no later than September 30, 2015.

## ITG BRANDS, LLC QUARTERLY WARNING ROTATION PLAN ACQUIRED BRANDS PACKAGING

QUARTER IN	WHICH
PRODUCT IS	
PACKAGED	

WARNING NOTICE UTILIZED

#### **BRAND**

	MAVERICK	WINSTON	SALEM	KOOL
1 <sup>st</sup> Q (Jan – Mar)	A	B	C	D
2 <sup>nd</sup> Q (Apr. – June)	B	C	D	A
3 <sup>rd</sup> Q (July – Sept.)	C	D	A	B
4 <sup>th</sup> Q (Oct. – Dec.)	D	A	B	C

#### MULTIPLE BRANDS/ NON-BRAND SPECIFIC

1 <sup>st</sup> Q (Jan – Mar)	Α
2 <sup>nd</sup> Q (Apr. – June)	В
3 <sup>ra</sup> Q (July – Sept.)	С
4 <sup>th</sup> Q (Oct. – Dec.)	D

- A -- SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, And May Complicate Pregnancy.
- B -- SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Quitting Smoking Now Greatly Reduces Serious Risks to Your Health.
- C -- SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking By Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, And Low Birth Weight.
- D -- SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette Smoke Contains Carbon Monoxide.

#### ITG BRANDS, LLC QUARTERLY WARNING ROTATION PLAN ACQUIRED BRANDS PACKAGING

#### TRANSITIONAL PLAN

QUARTER IN WHICH PRODUCT IS PACKAGED WARNING NOTICE UTILIZED

#### **BRAND**

	WINSTON	SALEM	KOOL	MAVERICK
1 <sup>st</sup> Q (Jan – Mar)	B	C	B	A
2 <sup>nd</sup> Q (Apr. – June)	C	D	C	B
3 <sup>rd</sup> Q (July – Sept.)	D	A	D	C
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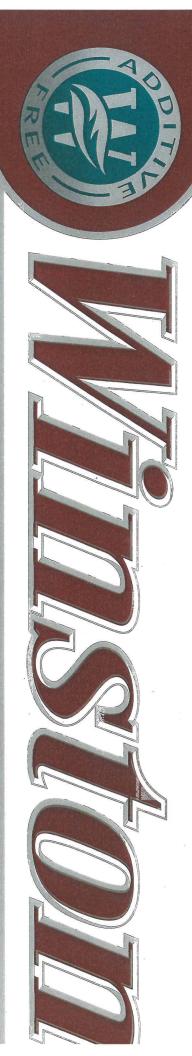
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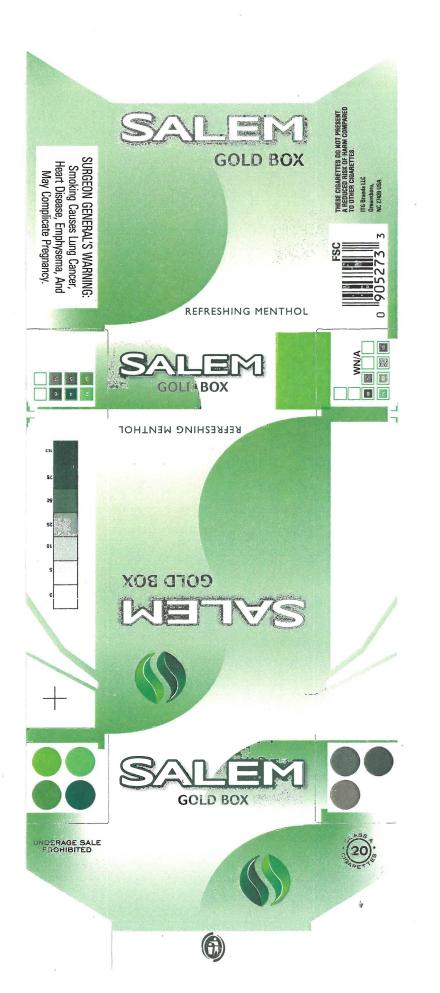
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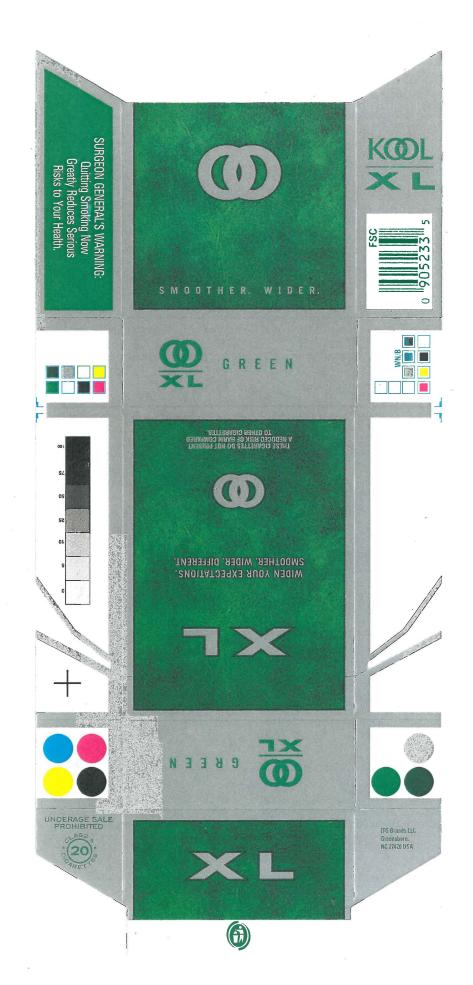


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## United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

September 2, 2015

Rhondetta Walton, Esq. ITG Brands, LLC 714 Green Valley Road Greensboro, NC 27408

Dear Ms. Walton:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341 ("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, ITG Brands, LLC's ("ITG") June 11, 2015 plan for quarterly rotation of the four health warnings on packaging for certain varieties of the Winston, Salem, Kool, and Maverick brands of cigarettes was approved on June 12, 2015. By letter dated August 31, 2015, you now propose to: (1) expand your plan for quarterly rotation of the four health warnings on packaging to include additional varieties of the Winston brand; and (2) modify the packaging for the Winston, Salem, Kool, and Maverick brands of cigarettes.

The warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your July 27 and August 18, 2015 letters appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness. ITG's plan for quarterly rotation of the four health warnings on packaging for the following varieties is hereby approved effective on the date of this letter:<sup>2</sup>

ITG stated in its August 31, 2015 letter that the four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the packs and cartons submitted on July 27, 2015 and August 18, 2015. Although the warnings on the sample packs of the Winston Gold 100's Box and Winston Gold Kings Box submitted on July 27, 2015 were not sufficiently clear and conspicuous, corrected samples were submitted on August 18, 2015.

ITG also stated in its August 31, 2015 letter that it intends to continue using the packaging approved on June 12, 2015 for the following varieties through December 31, 2015: Salem Menthol Box (Kings and 100's), Salem Menthol Gold Box 100's, Salem Menthol Silver Box (Kings and 100's), Salem Menthol Slim Box 100's, Kool Menthol Kings Box, Kool Menthol Kings Soft Pack, Kool Menthol Blue Box (Kings and 100's), Kool Menthol Super Longs 100's Box, Kool Menthol XL Green Box (79 mm), Maverick Gold Box (Kings and 100's), Maverick Silver Box 100's, and Menthol Silver Box 100's.

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- Eleven Box varieties of the Winston brand: Red (Kings and 100's), Gold (Kings and 100's), White (Kings and 100's), Full Flavor (Kings and 100's), Menthol (Kings and 100's), and Blue Kings;
- Seven Box varieties of the Salem brand: Menthol (Kings and 100's), Menthol Gold (Kings and 100's), Menthol Silver (Kings and 100's), and Menthol Slim 100's;
- Seven varieties of the Kool brand: Menthol Kings Box, Menthol Kings Soft Pack, Menthol Blue Box (Kings and 100's), Menthol Super Longs 100's Box, Menthol XL Blue Box (79 mm), and Menthol XL Green Box (79 mm); and
- Nine varieties of the Maverick brand: Kings Box, 100's Box, Gold Box (Kings and 100's), Silver 100's Box, Menthol Box (Kings and 100's), Menthol Gold 100's Box, and Menthol Silver 100's Box.

Approval of ITG's plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>3</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Please note that this letter only approves ITG's expansion of its cigarette health warning statement rotation plan and the submitted packaging modifications with respect to the statutory requirements in force prior to the June 22, 2009 enactment of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act ("FSPTCA") concerning the rotation, size, and conspicuousness of the warnings on ITG's packaging. Moreover, it is not in any way an approval of any other design element, statement, or representation made on packaging or in advertising for ITG's cigarettes. Nor does this letter purport to interpret or express any opinion about the adequacy of ITG's packaging and advertising under the FSPTCA or any regulations that have been or might be promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services under that statute, including but not limited to the Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco to Protect Children and Adolescents (published March 19, 2010).

Because the FSPTCA imposes additional legal requirements on the marketing and sale of cigarettes, you should ensure that you are in compliance with those requirements. For example, since September 22, 2009, the use of certain characterizing flavors (other than tobacco or menthol) in cigarettes has been prohibited. You can find additional information at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm, or www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ForIndustry/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

Knowingly and willfully making false statements to a federal government agency is a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 1001.



September 3, 2015

Ms. Mary K. Engle
Associate Director
U.S. Federal Trade Commission
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Division of Advertising Practices
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, CC-10528
Washington, DC 20580

Re: Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC, Ltd. ("Sherman's 1400")

Dear Ms. Engle,

Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC, Ltd. ("Sherman's 1400") had its health warning display plan for packaging previously approved on July 20, 2009, with amendments approved for the following time periods:

January 22, 2010 until July 19, 2010

December 17, 2010 until December 16, 2011

November 9, 2011 until September 21, 2012

September 14, 2012 until September 13, 2013

September 13, 2013 until September 12, 2014

September 9, 2014 until September 8, 2015

(and for the FT Box King varieties of the Classic brand approved July 17, 2015 until July 16, 2016)

With this letter, we seek approval for our plan to simultaneously display the four health warnings on previously approved packaging (including the FT Box King varieties of the Classic brand packaging approved on July 17, 2015) for our approved current brand styles, in order to comply with FCLAA. When printing our packaging materials, each version of the four warnings is equally produced then equally used in the production process (25% A, 25% B, etc.) to ensure that we achieve simultaneous display of the four warnings on all our brands and brands styles. Through the date of this application, the Surgeon General health warnings for the previously approved packaging of our brand styles have been equalized in accordance with our plan.

The actual hard pack and carton packaging, with each of the four health warnings, for the following brands and brand styles that were previously approved by the FTC, remains the same and is in compliance with Section 911 of The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act of 2009, which became effective June 22, 2010. The hard packs, cartons and health warnings on the following brands and brand styles will appear exactly as on the samples enclosed with our letters of May 7, 2015 and August 24, 2015.

### I. Current brand and brand styles (samples provided on August 24, 2015):

Black & Gold (black paper/gold filter/queen) Cigarettellos (brown paper/non filter/queen) Classic (white paper/cork filter/king) Classic Blue (white paper/cork filter/king) Classic Menthol (white paper/cork filter/king)

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### 1. Current brand and brand styles (samples provided on August 24, 2015) (cont):

Fantasia (multi-color paper/gold filter/queen) Havana Ovals (brown paper/non filter/queen) Hint Menthol (brown paper/brown filter/queen) MCD (brown paper/brown fifter/queen) MCD Gold (brown paper/brown filter/queen) MCD Menthol (brown paper/brown filter/queen) MCD Silver (brown paper/brown filter/queen) Naturals Blue (white paper/white filter/queen) Naturals Blue King (white paper/white filter/king) Naturals King (white paper/cork filter/king) Naturals Menthol (white paper/white filter/queen) Naturals Menthol King (white paper/cork filter/king) Naturals Originals (brown paper/cork filter/queen) Naturals Yellow (brown paper/brown filter/queen) Naturals Yellow King (white paper/white filter/king) New York Cut Blue (white paper/white filter/king) New York Cut Mentho! (white paper/white filter/king) New York Cut Original (white paper/cork filter/king)

II. Current brand and brand styles (samples provided on May 7, 2015):

Classic FT Box (King – in reddish-brown color packaging)
Classic Blue FT Box (King)
Classic Menthol FT Box (King)

Sherman's 1400 total domestic shipments for the twelve-month period ending April 30, 2015 (our fiscal year) were sticks and we anticipate next fiscal year's volume to be in the compliance with the Cigarette Act, Section 1333(c)(2), kindly be advised that Sherman's 1400 manufactured and sold in each of its brands less than one-fourth of one (1%) percent of all cigarettes sold in the United States in its fiscal year 2015, and expects to be below that fraction of sales in the present year. Thus, Sherman's 1400 will take advantage of the alternative to quarterly rotation of the health warnings on its packaging for the each of the foregoing brand styles pursuant to Section 1333(c)(2).

Sherman's 1400 will continue to display the four health warnings an equal number of times on the hard packs and cartons of each of the foregoing brand styles for the twelve-month period beginning on the date of the approval of this plan; or at such time as the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans move from the FTC to the FDA. Sherman's 1400 will maintain records that show compliance with its packaging and advertising plan. Sherman's 1400 had its advertising plan originally approved November 24, 2003 and the expanded plan approved on July 20, 2009.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 201-735-9004.

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Executive Vice President

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## Sherman's 1400 Broadway N.Y.C., Ltd. 7615 Boeing Drive Greensboro, NC 27409 Phone: 201-735-9000

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## All cigarettes manufactured by Sherman's 1400 are fire-safe (FSC) / low ignition propensity (LIP) certified.

BRAND FAMILY	BRAND NAME	BRAND STYLE
Black & Gold	Black & Gold	Black / Gold filter tip / queen
Cigarettellos	Cigarettellos	Non-Filter Brown / queen
Classic	Classic	White / Cork filter tip / king
	Classic Blue	White / Cork filter tip / king
	Classic Menthol	White / Cork filter tip / king
Fantasia	Fantasia	Multi / Gold filter tip / queen
Havana Ovals	Havana Ovals	Non-Filter Brown / queen
Hint Menthol	Hint Menthol	Brown / Brown filter tip / queen
MCD	MCD	Brown / Brown filter tip / queen
	MCD Gold	Brown/ Brown filter tip / queen
	MCD Menthol	Brown / Brown filter tip / queen
	MCD Silver	Brown / Brown filter tip / queen
Naturals	Naturals Blue	White / White filter tip / queen
	Naturals Blue King	White / White filter tip / king
	Naturals Full Flavor King	White / Cork filter tip / king
	Naturals Menthol	White / White filter tip / queen
	Naturals Menthol King	White / Cork filter tip / king
	Naturals Originals	Brown / Cork filter tip / queen
	Naturals Yellow	Brown / Brown filter tip / queen
	Naturals Yellow King	White / White filter tip / king
New York Cut	New York Cut Blue	White / White filter tip / king
	New York Cut Menthol	White / White filter tip / king
	New York Cut Original	White / Cork filter tip / king
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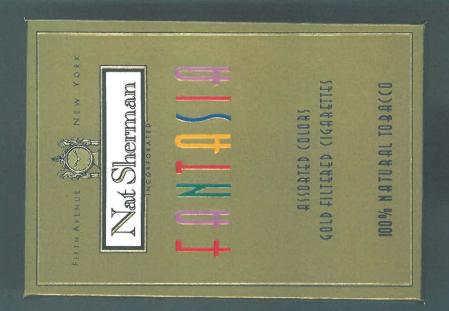
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## United States of America FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20580

September 8, 2015

Mr. William M. Sherman Executive Vice President Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC, Ltd. 2200 Fletcher Avenue Fort Lee, NJ 07024

Dear Mr. Sherman:

The Federal Trade Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for Advertising Practices its authority to review cigarette health warning display plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to Section 1333(c) of the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1331-1341 ("the Cigarette Act"). Pursuant to that delegation, I have reviewed a revised proposed plan filed by Sherman's 1400 Broadway NYC, Ltd. ("Sherman's 1400") on September 3, 2015, calling for simultaneous display (*i.e.*, the alternative to quarterly rotation) of the four health warnings on packaging for certain varieties of the Black & Gold, Cigarettellos, Classic, Fantasia, Havana Ovals, Hint, MCD, Naturals, and New York Cut brands of cigarettes.

Sherman's 1400's sales appear to qualify for the aforementioned alternative to quarterly rotation of the warnings on packaging, and the warnings on the sample packs and cartons submitted with your letters dated May 7, 2015 and August 24, 2015 continue to appear to meet the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter for size and conspicuousness.<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, Sherman's 1400's plan for simultaneous display of the four health warnings on packaging for the following box varieties is hereby approved:

- the queen size variety of the Black & Gold brand;
- the Non-Filter queen size variety of the Cigarettellos brand;
- six king size varieties of the Classic brand (Regular "International style," Blue "International style," Menthol "International style," FT Box (in reddish-brown packaging), Blue FT Box, and Menthol FT Box);

Sherman's 1400 stated in its September 3, 2015 letter that the four health warnings will appear exactly as shown on the packs and cartons submitted on these dates.

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- the queen size variety of the Fantasia brand;
- the Non-Filter queen size variety of the Havana Ovals brand;
- the Menthol queen size variety of the Hint brand;
- four queen size varieties of the MCD brand (Regular, Gold, Menthol, and Silver);
- four king size varieties of the Naturals brand (Blue, Regular, Menthol and Yellow);
- four queen size varieties of the Naturals brand (Blue, Menthol, Originals, and Yellow); and
- three king size varieties of the New York Cut brand (Blue, Menthol and Original).

The approval pertains only to packaging that meets the requirements of the Cigarette Act in force as of the date of this letter. Furthermore, the four health warnings must appear exactly as shown on the packs and cartons that the Commission approved.

Approval of the plan is contingent on its good faith implementation. We may ask for information demonstrating proper implementation of the plan.<sup>2</sup> The Cigarette Act provides that any person who violates its provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ForIndustry/default.htm, and sign up for FDA email updates at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/ResourcesforYou/ucm176164.htm.

This approval is effective on the date of this letter and runs through September 7, 2016, or until the authority to approve cigarette health warning statement plans moves from the FTC to the FDA, whichever comes first.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact William Ducklow at (202) 326-2407.

Very truly yours,

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