DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Tobacco Products
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993

March 01, 2018 **SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT**

Swedish Match USA Inc.
Attention: Gerard J. Roerty, Jr.
Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary
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Richmond, VA 23219

FDA Submission Tracking Number (STN): SE0000088

Dear Mr. Roerty:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) completed review of your Report Preceding Introduction of Certain Substantially Equivalent Products into Interstate Commerce (SE Report), submitted under section 905(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the FD&C Act), for the following tobacco product:

New Tobacco Product

Tobacco Product Manufacturer:	Swedish Match USA Inc.
Tobacco Product Name[1]:	J.D.'s Blend 3 oz
Tobacco Product Category:	Smokeless Tobacco
Tobacco Product Sub-Category:	Loose Leaf Chewing Tobacco
Package Type:	Pouch
Package Quantity:	3 oz.
Characterizing Flavor:	Natural
Tobacco Cut Size:	(b) (4) mm

[1] Brand/sub-brand or other commercial name used in commercial distribution

Based on our review of your SE Report, we find the new tobacco product specified above is substantially equivalent to the following tobacco product, which was commercially marketed in the United States as of February 15, 2007:

Predicate Tobacco Product

Tobacco Product Manufacturer:	Swedish Match USA Inc.
Tobacco Product Name[2]:	J.D.'s Blend
Tobacco Product Category:	Smokeless Tobacco
Tobacco Product Sub-Category:	Loose Leaf Chewing Tobacco
Package Type:	Pouch
Package Quantity:	3 oz.
Characterizing Flavor:	Natural
Tobacco Cut Size:	(b) (4) mm

Under the provisions of section 910 and 905(j) of the FD&C Act, you may continue to legally market the new tobacco product specified above.

To fulfill the provisions of section 910(a)(4) of the FD&C Act, you submitted a health information summary in your SE Report. No later than March 16, 2018, we will make your summary available to the public.

In accordance with 40 CFR 1506.6, we will make publicly available the finding that this marketing authorization is in a class of actions categorically excluded under 21 CFR 25.35(a). No extraordinary circumstances exist for this action.

It is important to note our finding of substantial equivalence for your new tobacco product specified above to an appropriate predicate tobacco product permits marketing of your new tobacco product[3]. Our finding does not mean FDA "approved" the new tobacco product specified above; therefore, you may not promote or in any way represent the new tobacco product specified above, or its labeling, as being "approved" by FDA. See Section 301(tt) of the FD&C Act.

The finding that your product is substantially equivalent to the predicate product is based upon the information you provided in your SE Report and the standards contained in the FD&C Act, Section 910(a)(3). This marketing order is subject to reconsideration, with notice to the manufacturer, and rescission to the extent authorized by law.

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[2] Brand/sub-brand or other commercial name used in commercial distribution

[3] Please see footnote 2.

We remind you that all regulated tobacco products, including the new tobacco product specified above, are subject to the requirements of Chapter IX of the FD&C Act and its regulations. These requirements currently include, but are not limited to, annual registration, listing of products, listing of ingredients, reporting of harmful and potentially harmful constituents, and payment of user fees. There are also labeling and advertising requirements with which you must comply. It is your responsibility to ensure the tobacco product specified above complies with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, including those which may be forthcoming. FDA will monitor your compliance with these applicable statutes and regulations.

For more information on your responsibilities under the FD&C Act, we encourage you to visit our website at http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts. You may also obtain information by contacting FDA's Center for Tobacco Products at 1-877-CTP-1373, AskCTP@fda.hhs.gov, or SmallBiz.Tobacco@fda.hhs.gov.

We encourage you to submit all regulatory correspondence electronically via the CTP Portal (http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Manufacturing/ucm515047.htm)[4] using eSubmitter (http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/FDAeSubmitter). Alternatively, submissions may be mailed to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Tobacco Products
Document Control Center (DCC)
Building 71, Room G335
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002

The CTP Portal and FDA Electronic Submission Gateway (ESG) are both generally available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Submissions delivered to DCC by couriers or physical mail will be considered timely if received during delivery hours on or before the due date (see http://www.fda.gov/tobaccoproducts/aboutctp/contactus/default.htm); if the due date falls on a weekend or holiday the delivery must be received on the prior business day. We are unable to accept regulatory submissions by e-mail.

If you have any questions, please contact Shireen Ahmad, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (240) 402 - 0435.

Sincerely,

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[4] The FDA's Electronic Submission Gateway (ESG) is still available as an alternative to the CTP Portal.