

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**Marketing Order for
Black & Mild® Estate Blend Wood Tip**

Manufactured by John Middleton Co.

The Center for Tobacco Products of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has carefully considered the potential environmental impact of this action and has concluded that this action will not have significant effects on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

John Middleton Co. wishes to introduce a new unfiltered, sheet wrapped cigar into interstate commerce for commercial distribution in the United States and submitted to FDA a substantial equivalent report to obtain a marketing order under the provisions of sections 905(j) and 910 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

FDA prepared the environmental assessment (EA), dated July 15, 2019, in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR 1500 - 1508) implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FDA's NEPA regulations (21 CFR 25.40) to support the finding of no significant impact. The evidence supporting this finding is contained in the attached EA, which is available to the public upon request.

The EA evaluates potential environmental effects due to manufacturing, use, and disposal of the new product. No increased or new types of environmental impacts due to manufacturing the new product are anticipated. The Agency does not foresee use of the new product would result in new or different environmental impacts. The Agency believes that the disposal of the new product is the same as the disposal conditions of other cigars that are currently marketed in the United States. Therefore, the Agency does not foresee significant adverse impacts to the environment due to the proposed action from manufacturing, use, and disposal of the new product.

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