

September 24, 2019

#### **SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT**

U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company LLC ATTENTION: Rebecca A. Rivas, Senior Director, Regulatory Submissions Altria Client Services LLC 2325 Bells Road Richmond, VA 23234

FDA Submission Tracking Number (STN): MULTIPLE STNs, SEE APPENDIX A

Dear Ms. Rivas:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) completed review of your Reports Preceding Introduction of Certain Substantially Equivalent Products into Interstate Commerce (SE Reports), submitted under section 905(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), for the tobacco products specified in Appendix A.

Based on our review of your SE Reports, we find the new tobacco products are in compliance with the requirements of the FD&C Act and substantially equivalent to the corresponding eligible predicate tobacco products, specified in Appendix A.

Under the provisions of section 910 and 905(j) of the FD&CAct, you may introduce, or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce the products specified in Appendix A.

To fulfill the provisions of section 910(a)(4) of the FD&C Act, you opted not to provide an adequate summary of any health information related to the new tobacco products with your application, but stated that such information will be available upon request by any person. Consistent with the requirements of Section 910(a)(4), you may wish to consider providing the following when information is requested:

- A. A copy of your final SE Reports upon which our order was based, redacted only to the extent necessary to exclude patient identifiers, and trade secret and confidential commercial information as defined in 21 CFR § 20.61 and 20.63 and;
- B. Any research or data you have in your possession or otherwise know of specifically regarding the adverse health effects of the new tobacco product or the following statement if such statement is accurate: "[Insert manufacturer name] does not have or know of any research or data regarding any adverse health effects specifically related to [insert tobacco product name]".

Alternatively, you may provide the following when information is requested:

- A. Description of the new tobacco products;
- B. Description of the predicate tobacco products;
- C. List of all differences in characteristics between the predicate and new tobacco products;

- D. Summary of the evidence and scientific rationale concerning why the differences in characteristics do not raise different questions of public health; and
- E. Any research or data you have in your possession or otherwise know of regarding the adverse health effects of the new tobacco product or the following statement if such statement is accurate: "[Insert manufacturer name] does not have or know of any research or data regarding any adverse health effects specifically related to [insert tobacco product name]".

There may be other accurate, complete and not false or misleading ways to satisfy the requirements of Section 910(a)(4) not included above. If you wish to discuss other ways to meet the requirements of 910(a)(4), submit a meeting request to FDA.

In accordance with 40 CFR 1506.6, we will make your environmental assessment publicly available.

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

The finding that your products are substantially equivalent to the predicate products is based upon the information you provided in your SE Reports and the standards contained in the FD&CAct, Section 910(a)(3). These marketing orders are subject to reconsideration, with notice to the manufacturer, and rescission to the extent authorized by law.

We remind you that all regulated tobacco products, including the new tobacco products specified in Appendix A, 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 that the tobacco products specified in Appendix A comply 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&CAct, we encourage you to visit our website at <a href="https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products">https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products</a>. You may also obtain information by contacting FDA's Center for Tobacco Products at 1-877-CTP-1373, <a href="mailto:AskCTP@fda.hhs.gov">AskCTP@fda.hhs.gov</a>, or <a href="mailto:SmallBiz.Tobacco@fda.hhs.gov">SmallBiz.Tobacco@fda.hhs.gov</a>.

We encourage you to submit all regulatory correspondence electronically via the CTP Portal (<a href="https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/manufacturing/submit-documents-ctp-portal">https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/manufacturing/submit-documents-ctp-portal</a>) using eSubmitter (<a href="https://www.fda.gov/industry/fda-esubmitter">https://www.fda.gov/industry/fda-esubmitter</a>).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The FDA's Electronic Submission Gateway (ESG) is still available as an alternative to the CTP Portal.

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 the FDA Electronic Submission Gateway (ESG) are generally available 24 hours a day, seven days a week; if the upload is successful, submissions are considered received by DCC on the day of upload. Submissions delivered to DCC by courier or physical mail will be considered timely if received during delivery hours on or before the due date (see <a href="https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/about-center-tobacco-products-ctp/contact-ctp">https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/about-center-tobacco-products-ctp/contact-ctp</a>); if the due date falls on a weekend or holiday the delivery must be received on or before the preceding business day. We are unable to accept regulatory submissions by e-mail.

If you have any questions, you may contact Iqra Javaid, M.P.H., Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (240) 402 -2806 or Iqra. Javaid@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by Matthew R. Holman -S Date: 2019.09.24 09:29:19 -04'00'

Matthew R. Holman, Ph.D. Director Office of Science Center for Tobacco Products

Enclosure- Appendix A: List of New Tobacco Products Subject of This Letter

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## Appendix A

List of new tobacco products that FDA has determined are substantially equivalent when compared to its corresponding predicate tobacco product.

**Common Attributes of SE Reports** Date of Submission: April 1, 2019 Date of Receipt: April 1, 2019

**Product Manufacturer:** U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company LLC

Smokeless Tobacco Products **Product Category:** 

New Tobacco Product Specific Attributes

**Submission Tracking Number** SE0015158

Product Name:<sup>2</sup> Husky Fine Cut Natural **Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff Package Type: Plastic Can and Plastic Lid

Package Quantity: 34.02 grams

Cuts Per Inch (CPI)<sup>3</sup> Tobacco cut size:

**Characterizing Flavor:** None

**Predicate Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

**Product Name:**<sup>2</sup> Husky Fine Cut Natural **Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff Plastic Can and Plastic Lid Package Type:

Package Quantity: 34.02 grams o) (4) CPI<sup>3</sup> Tobacco cut size:

**Characterizing Flavor:** None

**Eligibility Status:** Grandfathered

**New Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

SE0015159 **Submission Tracking Number** 

**Product Name:**<sup>2</sup> Red Seal Fine Cut Natural **Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff Package Type: Plastic Can and Plastic Lid

Package Quantity: 42.53 grams Tobacco cut size: CPI<sup>4</sup> **Characterizing Flavor:** None

**Predicate Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

**Product Name:**<sup>2</sup> Red Seal Fine Cut Natural

**Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Plastic Can and Plastic Lid Package Type:

Package Quantity: 42.53 grams **b) (4)** CPI<sup>4</sup> Tobacco cut size:

**Characterizing Flavor:** None

**Eligibility Status:** Grandfathered

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Brand/sub-brand or other commercial name used in commercial distribution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Applicant claims that the new product and predicate product have the identical tobacco base comprised of 80% tobacco cut at D CPI and 20% tobacco cut at C CPI.

 $<sup>^4</sup>$  Applicant claims that the new product and predicate product have the identical tobacco base comprised of 32.8% tobacco cut at CPI and 67.2% tobacco cut at CPI.

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**New Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

Submission Tracking Number SE0015163

**Product Name:** Red Seal Long Cut Mint **Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can and Plastic Lid

Package Quantity: 42.53 grams
Tobacco cut size: CPI<sup>5</sup>

Characterizing Flavor: Mint

**Predicate Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

Product Name:<sup>2</sup> Red Seal Long Cut Mint
Product Sub-Category: Loose Moist Snuff
Package Type:

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Package Type: Plastic Can and Plastic Lid

Package Quantity: 42.53 grams
Tobacco cut size: CPI<sup>5</sup>

Characterizing Flavor: Mint

Eligibility Status: Grandfathered

New Tobacco Product Specific Attributes

Submission Tracking Number SE0015164

**Product Name:** Red Seal Fine Cut Wintergreen

**Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can and Plastic Lid

Package Quantity: 42.53 grams
Tobacco cut size: (b) (4) CPI<sup>3</sup>
Characterizing Flavor: Wintergreen

**Predicate Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

Product Name:<sup>2</sup> Red Seal Fine Cut Wintergreen

**Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can and Plastic Lid

Package Quantity:42.53 gramsTobacco cut size:(b) (4) CPI³Characterizing Flavor:WintergreenEligibility Status:Grandfathered

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Applicant claims that the new product and predicate product have the identical tobacco base comprised of 29.91% tobacco cut at 15 CPI and 70.09% tobacco cut at 15 CPI.

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**New Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

Submission Tracking Number SE0015165

**Product Name:** 2 Red Seal Long Cut Natural

**Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can and Plastic Lid

Package Quantity: 42.53 grams
Tobacco cut size: and CPI<sup>5</sup>
Characterizing Flavor:

**Predicate Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

**Product Name:** Red Seal Long Cut Natural

**Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can and Plastic Lid

Package Quantity:42.53 gramsTobacco cut size:and CPI5Characterizing Flavor:NoneEligibility Status:Grandfathered

New Tobacco Product Specific Attributes

Submission Tracking Number SE0015166

**Product Name:** <sup>2</sup> Red Seal Long Cut Straight

**Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can and Plastic Lid

Package Quantity: 42.53 grams
Tobacco cut size: and CPI<sup>5</sup>
Characterizing Flavor: None

**Predicate Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

Product Name:<sup>2</sup> Red Seal Long Cut Straight

**Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can and Plastic Lid

Package Quantity: 42.53 grams
Tobacco cut size: and CPI<sup>5</sup>
Characterizing Flavor: None

Eligibility Status: Grandfathered

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New Tobacco Product Specific Attributes

Submission Tracking Number SE0015167

Product Name: 2 Skoal Bandits Wintergreen
Product Sub-Category: Portioned Moist Snuff
Package Type: Plastic Can with Metal Lid

Package Quantity: 13.90 grams
Portion count: 20 portions

Portion mass: 694.7 milligrams (mg)/portion

Portion length: 35 millimeters (mm)

Portion width: 16 mm
Portion thickness: 3.54 mm
Tobacco Cut Size Delta CPI

Characterizing Flavor: Wintergreen
Additional Property Fine cut

## Predicate Tobacco Product Specific Attributes

Product Name: Skoal Bandits Wintergreen
Product Sub-Category: Portioned Moist Snuff
Package Type: Plastic Can with Metal Lid

Package Quantity: 13.90 grams
Portion count: 20 portions
Portion mass: 694.7 mg/portion

Portion length: 35 mm

Portion width: 16 mm

Portion thickness: 3.54 mm

Tobacco Cut Size Characterizing Flavor: Wintergreen

Additional Property Fine cut
Eligibility Status: Grandfathered

# New Tobacco Product Specific Attributes

Submission Tracking Number SE0015168

Product Name: 2 Red Seal Long Cut Wintergreen

Product Sub-Category: Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can and Plastic Lid

Package Quantity: 42.53 grams
Tobacco cut size: 5 and 6 CPI<sup>5</sup>
Characterizing Flavor: Wintergreen

#### Predicate Tobacco Product Specific Attributes

Product Name:<sup>2</sup> Red Seal Long Cut Wintergreen

Product Sub-Category: Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can and Plastic Lid

Package Quantity:

Tobacco cut size:

Characterizing Flavor:

Eligibility Status:

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Wintergreen

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**New Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

Submission Tracking Number SE0015172

**Product Name:** 2 Skoal Long Cut Berry Tobacco Blend

**Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can with Metal Lid

Package Quantity: 34.02 grams
Tobacco cut size: CPI
Characterizing Flavor: Berry

**Predicate Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

Product Name:<sup>2</sup> Skoal Long Cut Berry Blend

**Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can with Metal Lid

Package Quantity:34.02 gramsTobacco cut size:D CPICharacterizing Flavor:Berry

New Tobacco Product Specific Attributes

**Eligibility Status:** 

Submission Tracking Number SE0015173

**Product Name:** 2 Skoal Long Cut Cherry Tobacco Blend

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**Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can with Metal Lid

Package Quantity:34.02 gramsTobacco cut size:D CPICharacterizing Flavor:Cherry

**Predicate Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

Product Name:<sup>2</sup> Skoal Long Cut Cherry Product Sub-Category: Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can with Metal Lid

Package Quantity:34.02 gramsTobacco cut size:CPICharacterizing Flavor:Cherry

Eligibility Status: Grandfathered

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**New Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

Submission Tracking Number SE0015174

Product Name: 2 Skoal Long Cut Classic Product Sub-Category: Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can with Metal Lid

Package Quantity:34.02 gramsTobacco cut size:CPICharacterizing Flavor:None

**Predicate Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

Product Name:2Skoal Long Cut ClassicProduct Sub-Category:Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can with Metal Lid

Package Quantity: 34.02 grams
Tobacco cut size: CPI
Characterizing Flavor: None

Eligibility Status: Grandfathered

New Tobacco Product Specific Attributes

Submission Tracking Number SE0015175

**Product Name:** Skoal Long Cut Spearmint Tobacco Blend

**Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can with Metal Lid

Package Quantity:34.02 gramsTobacco cut size:CPICharacterizing Flavor:Spearmint

**Predicate Tobacco Product Specific Attributes** 

Product Name:<sup>2</sup> Skoal Long Cut Spearmint

**Product Sub-Category:** Loose Moist Snuff

Package Type: Plastic Can with Metal Lid

Package Quantity:34.02 gramsTobacco cut size:CPICharacterizing Flavor:SpearmintEligibility Status:Grandfathered