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SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT

Republic Tobacco, LP
Attention: Carl Ios, Senior Vice President
2301 Ravine Way
Glenview, IL 60025

FDA Submission Tracking Numbers (STNs): Multiple STNs, see Appendix A

Dear Mr. Ios:

We completed our review of your SE Reports¹ and determined that the new tobacco products are substantially equivalent to the corresponding predicate tobacco products listed in Appendix A² and are in compliance with the requirements of the FD&C Act. Under the provisions of section 910 and 905(j) of the FD&C Act, you may introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce the new tobacco products subject of this letter.

Our finding does not mean we “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).

For information on how to fulfill the provisions of section 910(a)(4) of the FD&C Act, refer to Appendix B.

In accordance with 40 CFR 1506.6, we will make your Environmental Assessment (EA) publicly available.

All regulated tobacco products, including the tobacco products specified in Appendix A, are subject to the requirements of the FD&C Act and its implementing regulations. It is your responsibility to ensure the tobacco products specified in Appendix A complies with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. FDA will monitor your compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

¹ Substantially Equivalent (SE) Reports submitted under section 905(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act)

² In addition to comparing the new tobacco products to the predicate tobacco products named by the applicant, FDA also compared the new tobacco products in these SE Reports to the grandfathered tobacco products in SE0014881 and SE0014667. Although the new products have different characteristics than the grandfathered tobacco products in SE0014881 and SE0014667, FDA found that those differences do not cause the new tobacco products to raise different questions of public health, and thus the new tobacco products are also substantially equivalent to the grandfathered products in SE0014881 and SE0014667.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Cheung, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (240) 402-5340 or Donna.Cheung@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director

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Center for Tobacco Products

Enclosures:

Appendix A – New and Corresponding Predicate Tobacco Products Subject of This Letter

Appendix B – Health Information Summary

Appendix A
New and Corresponding Predicate Tobacco Products Subject of This Letter

Common Attributes of SE Reports		
Product Manufacturer:	Republic Tobacco, LP	
Product Category:	Roll-Your-Own Tobacco Products	
Product Sub-Category:	Filtered Cigarette Tube	
	New Tobacco Product	Predicate Tobacco Product
	SE0015610: Top Premier Menthol 100MM (injector tubes) ³	SE0014881: Top Premier Menthol 100MM ³
Date of Submission:	December 17, 2019	October 5, 2018
Date of Receipt:	December 17, 2019	October 5, 2018
Package Type:	Box	Box
Package Quantity:	200 Tubes	200 Tubes
Characterizing Flavor:	Menthol	Menthol
Eligibility Status:	N/A	Previously Found SE
Length:	100 mm	100 mm
Diameter:	8.2 mm	8.2 mm
Ventilation:	None	None
	New Tobacco Product	Predicate Tobacco Product
	SE0015611 Top Menthol 100MM (injector tubes) ³	SE0014881: Top Premier Menthol 100MM ³
Date of Submission:	December 17, 2019	October 5, 2018
Date of Receipt:	December 17, 2019	October 5, 2018
Package Type:	Box	Box
Package Quantity:	250 Tubes	200 Tubes
Characterizing Flavor:	Menthol	Menthol
Eligibility Status:	N/A	Previously Found SE
Length:	100 mm	100 mm
Diameter:	8.2 mm	8.2 mm
Ventilation:	None	None
	SE0015631 Top Menthol King Size (injector tubes)³	SE0014667: Top McClintock Menthol King Size³
Date of Submission:	December 20, 2019	April 30, 2018
Date of Receipt:	December 20, 2019	April 30, 2018
Package Type:	Box	Box
Package Quantity:	250 Tubes	200 Tubes
Characterizing Flavor:	Menthol	Menthol
Eligibility Status:	N/A	Previously Found SE
Length:	84 mm	84 mm
Diameter:	8.2 mm	8.2 mm
Ventilation:	None	None

³ Brand/sub-brand or other commercial name used in commercial distribution.

Appendix B

Health Information Summary

Your SE Reports did not provide a summary of any health information related to the new tobacco products, required by section 910(a)(4) of the FD&C Act; however, your SE Reports stated that such information will be available upon request to 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 the Substantially Equivalent 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.
- B. Any research or data you have in your possession or otherwise know of specifically regarding the adverse health effects of the new tobacco products, 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:

Description of the new tobacco products

Description of the predicate tobacco products

List of all differences in characteristics between the new and predicate tobacco products

Summary of the evidence and scientific rationale concerning why the differences in characteristics do not raise different questions of public health

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 section 910(a)(4), submit a meeting request to us.