



March 17, 2020

EXEMPT

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company
Attention: Michael W. Ogden, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President, Scientific & Regulatory Affairs
RAI Services Company
401 North Main Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

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

Dear Dr. Ogden:

We completed review of your EX REQs¹ and determined that the new tobacco products listed in Appendix A are exempt from the requirements of Substantial Equivalence.²

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).

To market the new tobacco products that are the subject of these EX REQs, the following must be met:

- 1. Submit a report under section 905(j)(1) (Abbreviated Report) that includes the information required in sections 905(j)(1)(A)(ii) and 905(j)(1)(B); and**
- 2. Ninety days have passed since FDA receipt of your Abbreviated Report.**

See Appendix B for FDA’s recommended format for submitting of an Abbreviated Report.

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 comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. FDA will monitor your compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

¹ Requests for Exemption from Substantial Equivalence (EX REQs) submitted under section 905(j)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act)

² See section 910(a)(3)(a) of the FD&C Act

We encourage you to submit all regulatory correspondence electronically via the CTP Portal^{3,4} using eSubmitter.⁵ 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's 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 date⁶; 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, please contact Barbara Banchemo, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 796-1937 or Barbara.Banchemo@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by Matthew R. Holman -S

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Matthew R. Holman, Ph.D.

Director

Office of Science

Center for Tobacco Products

Enclosures:

Appendix A – New and Corresponding Original Tobacco Products Subject of This Letter
Appendix B – FDA's Recommended Format for Submitting an Abbreviated Report

³ For more information about CTP Portal, see

<https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/manufacturing/submit-documents-ctp-portal>

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

⁵ For more information about eSubmitter, see <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/FDAeSubmitter>

⁶ <https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/about-center-tobacco-products-ctp/contact-ctp>

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

Common Attributes of EX REQs		
Date of Submission:	February 11, 2020	
Date of Receipt:	February 11, 2020	
Product Manufacturer:	R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company	
Product Category:	Cigarettes	
Product Sub-Category:	Combusted, Filtered	
	New Tobacco Product	Original Tobacco Product
	EX0000984: Vantage Classic 100 Soft Pack ⁷	GF1501231: Vantage 100s Soft Pack ⁷
Package Type:	Soft Pack	Soft Pack
Package Quantity:	20 Cigarettes	20 Cigarettes
Length:	99 mm	99 mm
Diameter:	7.9 mm	7.9 mm
Ventilation:	51 %	51 %
Characterizing flavor:	None	None
Eligibility Status:	N/A	Grandfathered
Modifications:		
Addition/Deletion of tobacco additives:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deletion of cork tipping paper (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Addition of cork tipping paper (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Deletion of non-porous plug wrap (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Addition of non-porous plug wrap (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Deletion of filter tow (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Addition of filter tow (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) 	

⁷ Brand/sub-brand or other commercial name used in commercial distribution.

	New Tobacco Product	Original Tobacco Product
	EX0000985: Vantage Classic Soft Pack ⁷	GF1501230: Vantage King Soft Pack ⁷
Package Type:	Soft Pack	Soft Pack
Package Quantity:	20 Cigarettes	20 Cigarettes
Length:	84 mm	84 mm
Diameter:	7.9 mm	7.9 mm
Ventilation:	39 %	39 %
Characterizing flavor:	None	None
Eligibility Status:	N/A	Grandfathered
Modifications:		
Addition/Deletion of tobacco additives:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deletion of cork tipping paper (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Addition of cork tipping paper (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Deletion of non-porous plug wrap (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Addition of non-porous plug wrap (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Deletion of filter tow (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Addition of filter tow (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) 		
	New Tobacco Product	Original Tobacco Product
	EX0000986: Vantage Classic Menthol 100 Soft Pack ⁷	EX0000219: Vantage Classic Menthol 100 Soft Pack ⁷
Package Type:	Soft Pack	Soft Pack
Package Quantity:	20 Cigarettes	20 Cigarettes
Length:	99 mm	99 mm
Diameter:	7.9 mm	7.9 mm
Ventilation:	45 %	45 %
Characterizing flavor:	Menthol	Menthol
Eligibility Status:	N/A	Previously Found Exempt
Modifications:		
Addition/Deletion of tobacco additives:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deletion of non-porous plug wrap (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Addition of non-porous plug wrap (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) 		

	New Tobacco Product	Original Tobacco Product
	EX0000987: Vantage Classic Menthol Soft Pack ⁷	GF1501293: Vantage Menthol King Soft Pack ⁷
Package Type:	Soft Pack	Soft Pack
Package Quantity:	20 Cigarettes	20 Cigarettes
Length:	84 mm	84 mm
Diameter:	7.9 mm	7.9 mm
Ventilation:	39 %	39 %
Characterizing flavor:	Menthol	Menthol
Eligibility Status:	N/A	Grandfathered
Modifications:		
Addition/Deletion of tobacco additives:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deletion of cork tipping paper (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Addition of cork tipping paper (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Deletion of non-porous plug wrap (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Addition of non-porous plug wrap (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Deletion of filter tow (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) • Addition of filter tow (b) (4); target: (b) (4) mg/cigarette) 		

Appendix B
FDA's Recommended Format for Submitting an Abbreviated Report

Mock-up Tobacco Company

April 3, 2015

US Department of Health and Human Services
Food and Drug Administration
Center for Tobacco Products
Document Control Center
Building 71, Room G335
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002

RE: Abbreviated Report

To Whom It May Concern:

Mock-Up Tobacco Company provides this Abbreviated Report at least 90 days prior to the introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce for commercial distribution of the new product, Cigarette Brand A. We submitted an Exemption Request (EX0000XXX) under section 905(j)(3) for the new product on February 1, 2015, and received a found exempt order from FDA on March 20, 2015.

I, John Doe, on behalf of Mock-Up Tobacco Company, certify that Cigarette Brand A is modified within the meaning of section 905(j)(3), the modifications are to a product that is commercially marketed and in compliance with the requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, all the modifications are covered by exemptions granted by the Secretary pursuant to section 905(j)(3), and I have taken actions to comply with the requirements under section 907 that are applicable to the product. I certify that this information is true and correct, and that I am authorized to submit this on the company's behalf. I understand that under section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code, anyone who knowingly and willfully makes a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement to the Government of the United States is subject to criminal penalties.

Sincerely,
John Doe **[ink or digital signature]**
Vice President
Mock-Up Tobacco Company