

November 25, 2019

EXEMPT

BBK Tobacco & Foods LLP dba HBI International
Attention: Ulli K. Becker, Ph.D.
Senior Chemist, Regulatory Specialist
3401 West Papago Street
Phoenix, AZ 85009

FDA Submission Tracking Numbers (STN): EX0000804, see Appendix A

Dear Dr. Becker:

We completed review of your EX REQ¹ and determined that the new tobacco product listed in Appendix A is exempt from the requirements of Substantial Equivalence.²

Our finding does not mean we “approved” the new product specified in Appendix A; therefore, you may not promote or in any way represent the new tobacco product 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 product that is the subject of this EX REQ, 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 product 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 product specified in Appendix A complies 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 Kaylene Charles, M.S., Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 796-0731 or Kaylene.Charles@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by Matthew R. Holman -S
Date: 2019.11.25 13:46:23 -05'00'

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 Original Tobacco Products Subject of This Letter

Attributes of EX REQ		
Date of Submission:	October 7, 2019	
Date of Receipt:	October 7, 2019	
Product Manufacturer:	BBK Tobacco & Foods LLP dba HBI International	
Product Category:	Roll-Your-Own Tobacco Products	
Product Sub-Category:	Other	
	New Tobacco Product	Original Tobacco Product
	EX0000804: Raw Auto Box 70 mm ⁷	N/A: Zen Automatic Box 70 mm ⁷
Package Type:	Cardboard Box	Cardboard Box
Package Quantity:	1 per Box	1 per Box
Characterizing Flavor:	None	None
Eligibility Status:	N/A	Grandfathered
Modifications:		
Addition/Deletion of tobacco additives:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of (b) (4) on container closure system 		
Increasing/Decreasing the quantity of existing tobacco additives:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing the quantity of (b) (4) on the container closure system • Increasing the quantity of (b) (4) 		

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

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