



Report on significant interactions between Health and the tobacco industry

Date range	Type of interaction(s)	Who was involved	What was it about
November 2019	Application to amend the Poisons Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Phillip Morris Limited	<p>Health received an application on 1 November 2019 from Phillip Morris Limited to amend the Poisons Standard, to exempt heated tobacco products from Schedule 7. Public consultation on this proposal was open from 20 December 2019 to 10 February 2020. The Joint Meeting of the Advisory Committee of Medicines and Chemicals Scheduling (ACMS/ACCS) considered the proposal on 11 March 2020. The interim decision is anticipated to be published in June 2020, which will be open to further public consultation. The final decision is expected to be published in August 2020.</p> <p>Phillip Morris Limited also requested an opportunity to present at the ACMS/ACCS March 2020 meeting. This request was not granted.</p>
4 March 2019	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Health representativesImperial Tobacco Australia LtdPhillip Morris International	<p>The Tobacco Plain Packaging Amendment (Track and Trace Identifiers) Regulations 2018 — background colour of the unique identifier adhesive label for secondary packaging.</p>

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18 January – 18 March 2019	Written consultation submissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholders including tobacco companies, importers, distributors and suppliers 	<p>Health received written submissions from tobacco companies, importers, distributors and suppliers following an online open public call for written submissions to inform options for regulatory reform.</p> <p><i>Health intends to publish all written submissions received on the thematic review of tobacco legislation on its website, unless the relevant author does not provide consent for this to occur.</i></p> <p><i>Written submissions are expected to be published following Government consideration.</i></p>
14 November 2018	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health representatives Imperial Tobacco Australia Ltd 	Tobacco plain packaging requirements and compliance with the European Union requirements for a track and trace unique identifier to be placed on tobacco product packaging from May 2019
18 October 2018	Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Importers of tobacco products from the European Union (EU) Tobacco companies 	Consultation feedback sought on a proposed amendment to the Tobacco Plain Packaging Regulations 2011 to address new EU requirements for a track and trace unique identifier to be placed on tobacco products including those being exported to Australia from May 2019

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July – August 2018	Written consultation submissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> British American Tobacco Philip Morris International 	<p>Health received written submissions from British American Tobacco and Philip Morris International following a public call for written submissions to inform the development of the next National Tobacco Strategy (NTS).</p> <p><i>Health intends to publish all written submissions received on the NTS on its website, unless the relevant author does not consent to this.</i></p> <p><i>Written submissions are expected to be published shortly, subject to agreement by the Ministerial Drug and Alcohol Forum.</i></p>
18 July 2018	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health representatives Richland Express Pty Ltd 	Tobacco plain packaging requirements and compliance European Union requirements for a track and trace unique identifier to be placed on tobacco product packaging from May 2019

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2 May 2017	Meeting	<p>Illicit Tobacco Industry Advisory Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alliance of Australian Retailers • Australian Competition and Consumer Commission • Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission • Australian Retailers Association • Australian Taxation Office • British American Tobacco Australia • Department of Immigration and Border Protection (chair) • Health representatives • Imperial Tobacco Australia Ltd • Philip Morris Ltd (Australia) • Richland Express Pty Ltd • Treasury 	Illicit trade in tobacco products
6 October 2016	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British American Tobacco Australasia • Health representatives 	Tobacco plain packaging requirements, compliance matters and graphic health warnings
7 September 2016	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health representatives • Imperial Tobacco 	Tobacco plain packaging compliance

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5 February 2016	Meeting	<p>Illicit Tobacco Industry Advisory Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alliance of Australian Retailers• Australian Competition and Consumer Commission• Australian Crime Commission• Australian Taxation Office• British American Tobacco Australia• Department of Immigration and Border Protection (chair)• Health representatives• Imperial Tobacco Australia Ltd• Philip Morris Ltd (Australia) <p>Treasury</p>	Illicit trade in tobacco products