
From: SCHLYTER Carl
Sent: 21 February 2013 12:08
To: Charles Hamshaw-Thomas
Subject: RE: re EU Tobacco Product Directive 2012/0366 (COD), draft Article 18 and electronic cigarettes (e-cigs)

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I assumed you have nicotine in your e-lites. You write " e-cigs are not an nrt product" so, of course if it contains no nicotine we do not need to regulate it as a nrt. I was however totally convinced that all e-cigs did contain nicotine.

Best regards,

carl

-----Original Message-----

From: Charles Hamshaw-Thomas [mailto:Charles@e-lites.co.uk]
Sent: Wed 2/20/2013 8:01 PM
To: SCHLYTER Carl
Subject: RE: re EU Tobacco Product Directive 2012/0366 (COD), draft Article 18 and electronic cigarettes (e-cigs)

Dear Carl

Thank you for your email.

Our visit next week will be the first to Brussels and we will be attending to all requisite registration requirements then.

I note what you say regarding cigarettes and nicotine replacement (nrt) products. Please note we believe it's vital and in the interests of wider public health across the EU as a whole for all MEPs on the ENVI Committee to be aware that:

- e-cigs are not a tobacco product (as sold by the cigarette companies)
- e-cigs are not an nrt product (as sold by the pharmaceutical companies)
- e-cigs are a consumer product, designed as a much safer alternative to smoking and proven to be capable of being satisfactory to smokers as an alternative to cigarettes and
- the effect of the proposed Directive, as drafted, will be to restrict their availability and make it very much harder to sell e-cigs, the safest product which are already making an enormous contribution to tobacco harm reduction across Europe, than the considerably more harmful cigarettes they are designed to replace. So perversely it will be counter-productive and stifle tobacco harm reduction progress.

While I note your comments about the Framework Convention Tobacco Control, please be aware that we are not a tobacco company, there is no tobacco in our products and we have no associations with the tobacco industry. Correspondingly there are no industry or other meetings of which I'm aware and at which we'll be present. I'd therefore like

to request, particularly so as you are Shadow Rapporteur for the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, an opportunity to meet separately.

I look forward to hearing from you as to when may be convenient.

With many thanks and kind regards

Charlie

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From: SCHLYTER Carl [mailto:carl.schlyter@europarl.europa.eu]
Sent: 19 February 2013 17:15
To: Charles Hamshaw-Thomas
Subject: RE: re EU Tobacco Product Directive 2012/0366 (COD), draft Article 18 and electronic cigarettes (e-cigs)

Dear Charles,

Thank you for your letter. I could not find E-lites in the Commission's transparency register, are you registered there?

To my view, e-cigarettes should not have an easier authorisation route than other tobacco replacement products. They are all cessation products and too easy access and a mindset that would give people the impression that they are harmless would be bad. Even though e-cigarettes are less hazardous for smokers as compared to normal cigarettes, nicotine is a rather heavy drug and a harmful substance, so e-cigarettes are not "healthy" as such and their usage needs to be reduced.

I am usually very restrictive with meeting lobbyists on this issue in order to comply fully with the FCTC. I am not able to meet with you but will attend hearings where your industry will be represented and you are welcome to send written information if you wish.

Best regards,

Carl Schlyter

From: Charles Hamshaw-Thomas [mailto:Charles@e-lites.co.uk]
Sent: 15 February 2013 17:48
To: SCHLYTER Carl
Subject: re EU Tobacco Product Directive 2012/0366 (COD), draft Article 18 and electronic cigarettes (e-cigs)

Dear Carl

I have tried to contact your office today. And having been unsuccessful, I thought it best to firstly send you an email.

I propose attending the ENVI public hearing on Monday 25 February relating to the above and would like to be able to meet with you, particularly as I understand you are Shadow Rapporteur for the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance. Our interest in Article 18 relates to our being one of Europe's leading providers of e-cigs.

We're a flourishing business, headquartered in the UK and I would like to both understand the intention of the proposal regarding e-cigs and also the process. I'd also like to make sure you have to hand all the information you require relating to e-cigs and particularly the contribution they are already making (and can continue to make) to tobacco harm reduction. E-cigs are proving to be an increasingly popular alternative to cigarettes and you may find this recent piece from BBC news helpful - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-21408502> - with the eminent Professor John Britton (of the UK Royal College of Physicians) identifying the product's capabilities to 'save millions of lives'.

Would it be possible to fix a very brief meeting (15-20 minutes maximum) either on the Monday or Tuesday 26th?

With thanks and I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Charles

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