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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI489065382

Thank you for your request for information relating to contacts with tobacco industry.

You have requested the following information:

Please provide a list of any and all contact your organisation and/or staff have had with British American Tobacco, Imperial Brands, Japan Tobacco International, Philip Morris International, as well as any other domestic or transnational tobacco companies or anyone representing the tobacco industry including subsidiaries of tobacco industry.

I would like this information for the period from 1 April 2021 to 20 February 2023.

Contact would primarily include attending or arranging meetings or functions, and responding to correspondence or phone calls.

Please break down the information by:

- Tobacco company or representative's name
- Date of contact(s)
- Type of contact (meeting, email, letter, phone call, text/app message or video call, e-card or any other form of electronic communication)
- Place of contact, if relevant
- Purpose of contact
- Outcome of contact, including if no action taken

This authority does not have meetings with tobacco companies as we adhere to the Guidance to support Trading Standards in complying with article 5.3 of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control endorsed by CTSI, TSNW, NETSA, ASH, Public Health England and Cancer Research UK.

Seized items will be sent to any of the tobacco companies listed or their representatives by post for authentication for criminal investigations although this has been curtailed recently as this authority is trialling closure orders on retailers.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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