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Hello,
Please find attached proposed amendments to Bill 60. Submitted by the Canadian Cancer Society.
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Recommended Amendments to Bill 60
Submitted By: Canadian Cancer Society – Nova Scotia Division

1. Ban on flavoured cigarette papers: Proposed Amendment

Clause 2(b) of Bill 60 is amended by inserting “or a cigarette paper” as follows:

(b) adding immediately after clause (b) the following clause:

(ba) "flavoured tobacco" means tobacco or a cigarette paper that

(i) has a characterizing flavour,

(ii) is represented as being flavoured, or

(iii) is designated by the regulations as being flavoured,

but does not include tobacco or a cigarette paper exempted by the regulations;

Note: an alternative and better amendment would be to insert the term “a tobacco product” instead of “a cigarette paper” in the two locations that it is found (underlined) above.

Explanatory Note

Bill 60 should be amended to include a ban on flavoured cigarette papers. This is not currently part of Bill 60, but should be. Cigarette papers are currently sold in a wide variety of attractive flavours. If flavoured cigarette papers are not banned, this will be a loophole that will result in the increased use when other flavoured tobacco products are banned. The United States has banned flavoured cigarette papers.

The definitions in the Tobacco Access Act are as follows:

“tobacco” means tobacco as defined by the Revenue Act and electronic cigarettes (the underlined reflects the changes to the definition as implemented by Bill 60)

“tobacco product” means a cigarette paper, cigarette tube, cigarette filter, cigarette maker, cigarette holder or pipe.



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2. Implementation Date for Bill 60: Proposed Amendment

Clause 6 in Bill 60 is amended to read as follows:

6 This Act has effect on and after May 31, 2015. ~~comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.~~

Explanatory Note

At present, Bill 60 will come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation. This should be changed so that Bill 60 comes into force on World No-Tobacco Day, which will be a little more than six months after third reading. This will ensure that implementation does not become delayed. In Alberta, Bill 206 to ban flavours received third reading in November 2013 and Royal Assent in December 2013, but still has not been proclaimed to come into force.