From: Stephen Wong <stephenw5151@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 25 June 2018 10:36 PM
To: MOH Tobacco Control (MOH) <Tobacco_Control@moh.gov.sg>
Subject: Re: Study on Standardised Packaging in relation to Non-Cigarette Tobacco Products

In my original feedback, I mentioned that if the authorities firmly believes that smoking really causes cancer and harms non smokers too, then why not ban it? We ban drugs and many other harmful substances. So if we are not willing to ban it, does it mean that smoking is not that harmful after all? Your response did not answer my query. Instead, it asked me to read the survey report which focuses mainly on packaging.

I'll appreciate it very much if MOE could kindly clarify why it is not willing to ban smoking when it is claiming that it causes cancer and harm to non-smokers too.

Kind regards

Stephen Wong

On 11 June 2018 at 12:17, MOH Tobacco Control (MOH) <Tobacco_Control@moh.gov.sg> wrote:

Message Classification: Restricted

Dear Sir/Mdm,

Thank you for your response to our public consultation on proposed tobacco control measures and the Singapore Government's proposal for the introduction of standardised packaging together with enlarged graphic health warnings (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the SP Proposal").

2 As mentioned in Section 4.3 of the *Public Consultation Paper on Proposed Tobacco-Control Measures in Singapore* (the "Public Consultation Paper") published on 5 February 2018, the Health Promotion Board (HPB) had commissioned a qualitative study on standardised packaging in relation to non-cigarette tobacco products. We would like to inform you that the study has now been

completed, and is available for public comment at https://www.moh.gov.sg/proposed-tobacco-control-measures for two weeks from 11 June 2018 to 25 June 2018.

3 As you have previously demonstrated an interest in the Government's SP Proposal, we are writing to inform you of the completed study and to invite you to submit any comments that you may have.

4 Should you decide to submit any comments, please ensure that you indicate your name, contact number and e-mail address, so that you may be contacted for follow-up questions or responses, if any.

5 The Government reserves the right to make public all or parts of any comments submitted and to disclose the identity of the source. Respondents may request confidentiality for any part of their comments that is believed to be proprietary, confidential or commercially sensitive. Any such information should be clearly marked and placed in a separate annex. If confidential treatment is granted, the Government will consider, but not publicly disclose, the information. If the request for confidential treatment is rejected, the information will be returned to the party that submitted it and will not be considered by the Government. As far as possible, respondents should limit any request for confidential treatment of information submitted. The Government will not accept any comments that request confidential treatment of all, or a substantial part, of the comments.

6 Comments may be submitted in electronic or hard copy, with the subject or header "Study on Standardised Packaging in relation to Non-Cigarette Tobacco Products", to:

Ministry of Health

16 College Road

College of Medicine Building

Singapore 169854

Attention: Director, Epidemiology and Disease Control Division

Email: Tobacco_Control@moh.gov.sg

7 Thank you.

MOH EMS
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Cheers

Stephen Wong