DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA’s regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on March 30 and 31, 2010, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Conference Center, 429 L’Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20594 (at Metro’s L’Enfant Plaza station; parking is limited and public transportation is recommended.)

Contact Person: Cristi Stark, Office of Science, Center for Tobacco Products, Food and Drug Administration, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850, 240–276–3992, e-mail: Cristi.Stark@fda.hhs.gov or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 8732110002. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

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Agenda: On March 30, 2010, the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee will cover the following two topics: (Topic 1) Receive presentations on the background and overview of the FDA Center for Tobacco Products, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (the Tobacco Control Act), and the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee; and (Topic 2) receive presentations on and discuss the published literature on menthol as it relates to the demographics of users, preferential use by persons initiating tobacco use, the health effects of menthol in cigarettes, the effects of menthol on addiction and cessation, marketing and consumer perceptions about menthol cigarettes, the sensory qualities of menthol cigarettes, and the effects of menthol on how cigarettes are smoked. On March 31, 2010, the Committee will continue the presentations and discussions of topic 2; and also receive preliminary information about topics planned for discussion at future meetings, including an action plan designed to ensure the enforcement of restrictions required by the Tobacco Control Act on the advertising and promotion of menthol and other cigarettes to youth, and the establishment of a list of harmful and potentially harmful tobacco product constituents, including smoke constituents. These discussions are preliminary to the preparation of the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee’s required report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the impact of use of menthol in cigarettes on the public’s health. A second meeting of the Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee, focusing on tobacco industry research and documents related to menthol and cigarettes, is planned for summer 2010. FDA intends to make background material available to the public no later than 2 business days before the meeting. If FDA is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to the meeting, the background material will be made publicly available at the location of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on FDA’s Web site after the meeting. Background material is available on the Tobacco Control Act on the public conduct during advisory committee meetings.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Cristi Stark at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

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