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Director NEIL P. CATAJAY
Department of Trade and Industry —
Bureau of Philippine Standards
3/F Trade and Industry Building
361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue,
1200 Makati City

Subject: Standards for Snus and Nicotine Pouch Tobacco Products

Dear Director Catajay,

Pursuant to our Memorandum of Agreement dated March 08, 2021 (Annex "A") and the DTI-Recognized Standards Development Organization (SDO) for leaf tobacco, tobacco products and heated tobacco products, we are pleased to submit the following recommended standards for Snus Tobacco (Annex "B") as part of the Philippine National Standards, as follows:

Product Description	Maximum Nicotine Content	References
1. Nicotine Pouches*	20 mg per pouch	British Standards Institution 2022. PAS 8877:2022
2. Snus*	25 mg per pouch	US FDA, Harmful and Potentially Harmful Constituents (HPHC (9), 20212) in Tobacco Products

<sup>\* -</sup> contains processed leaf tobacco or nicotine extract from tobacco.

For further clarification on the recommended standards, please feel free to contact Ms. Myrna O. Lozano, Vanager of the NTA-Industrial Research Department at telephone no. (02) 8371-3188 or Atty. Rohbert A. Ambros, Manager of the NTA-Regulation Department at (02) 8372-3186.

Respectfully submitted for your favorable action.

thank you.

Very truly your

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