

**From:** Martin Dockrell

**Sent:** 19 June 2020 11:21

**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: Strictly Confidential - Concerns Regarding Products Sold by Japan Tobacco International

[REDACTED]  
I called you this morning in relation to your e-mail below and the subsequent retraction request to clarify your retraction request, to determine on what basis you thought your correspondence could be considered confidential and to explain PHE's policy of publishing all correspondence with tobacco manufacturers.

1. You agreed that the content of your email was not commercially sensitive and is suitable for publication under PHE's policy of transparency.
2. You explained that your subsequent retraction request e-mail was not necessary and the correspondence was sent as intended.
3. I told you that I had been informed that there were other products BAT had concerns about, which you confirmed that you had written to trading standards about an Imperial Brands product. I said you were free to send us material on other products of concern.
4. You asked if other products and manufacturers were the subject of investigation and I said there were a number of products of interest produced by a number of manufacturers.
5. You asked if BAT products were under investigation and I told you that we would notify you if we were investigating BAT products.
6. You expressed a view that we should not depend on referral to the EU panel for resolution of this matter as this was likely to cause delay and I informed you that there are a number of options open to us that are not necessarily mutually exclusive and that includes UK testing of the products.

I have noted the content of your letter.

Let me close by reminding you that, in the interest of transparency it is our practice to publish all correspondence with tobacco manufacturers and that the only communications we would consider for exemption is correspondence with us about your products as Competent Authority under the Tobacco and Related Products Regulation. As such we will be publishing this e-mail and all related communications.

[REDACTED] Can you have this correspondence published in the usual way please.

Regards

Martin Dockrell  
Tobacco Control Lead

[REDACTED] (Feel free to leave a voicemail message)  
[REDACTED] (Please do not leave a voicemail message)