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Re: Submission to U.S. Government
of List of Cigarette Ingredients

On April 2, the six major manufacturers of the U.S. tobacco industry submitted to the U.S. government, through a Washington law firm, a list of all ingredients added to tobacco in the manufacture of cigarettes. The submission was on behalf of all six companies and listed each ingredient actually used on March 31, 1986.

Since the list covers only ingredients actually used on March 31, it does not include ingredients that might be used in the future or ingredients which have been commonly used in the past or in other countries. A new list is to be submitted annually so as to pick up newly added ingredients.

The manufacturers did not exclude any item because its use was deemed to be a proprietary secret and actual ingredients were identified by their correct chemical name rather than such designations as flavor A-42 or the like. Flavor houses which have not previously disclosed ingredients in flavor compounds supplied to manufacturers have now made this disclosure so that each manufacturer could provide a complete list.

The ingredients were not identified to any particular company or brand nor did the list indicate the quantities in which the ingredients were used. Ingredients used as agents in the processing of tobacco were identified as such. Packaging materials, cigarette paper and filter materials were not included - the list includes only ingredients "added to tobacco".

The list was submitted to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The filing is mandated under the Federal Cigarette Labelling and Advertising Act of 1984 which also requires the new rotating cigarette warnings used since October. Following the filing and at times deemed appropriate, the Secretary of Health and Human Services is required to submit to Congress reports summarizing research activities and proposed research activities on the health

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effects of ingredients as well as "information pertaining to any....ingredient which in the judgement of the Secretary poses a health risk to cigarette smokers."

The law provides for the Department of Health and Human Services maintaining the list confidential and employees of Philip Morris can only see the list after signing a confidentiality agreement. The law makes clear, however, that the confidentiality provisions shall not prevent the Department of Health and Human Services from providing a copy of the list to a committee of Congress requesting it and it is entirely possible that following disclosure of the list to Congress, the entire list or items on it will be disclosed to the general public.

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