Lowell Tobacco Control Report
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Inspections

We have visited 28 establishments so far this month. We found that most establishments were in compliance. The primary focus of this round of visits was to educate retailers about the flavored new "Non-Menthol Newport" cigarettes. Retailers found to be offering the non-menthol Newport for sale have been told to remove them.

Compliance Checks

We conducted compliance checks for cigarettes at 38 establishments. The following two establishments sold tobacco to a 16-year-old female:

	Date of Violation	Fine	Payment Status
High Street Gas and Conv. 274 High St	04/21/2023	$1,000	Not paid yet
Turcottes Liquors 412 Lawrence St	04/21/2023	$1,000	Not paid yet

Tobacco Suspensions Update

All 8 tobacco permit suspensions ordered on April 5th were carried out without incident. Except that the following store was found closed during the entire suspension period:

Highland Variety
146 Pine St

Tobacco News (Please see attached articles)

- FDA Held a Public Hearing on Proposed New Requirements for Tobacco Product Manufacturing Practices

PUBLIC HEARING

FDA's Proposed New Requirements for Tobacco Product Manufacturing Practices

APRIL 12, 2023

Scheduled

Date:

April 12, 2023

Organized By:

Center for Tobacco Products (/about-fda/fda-organization/center-tobacco-products)

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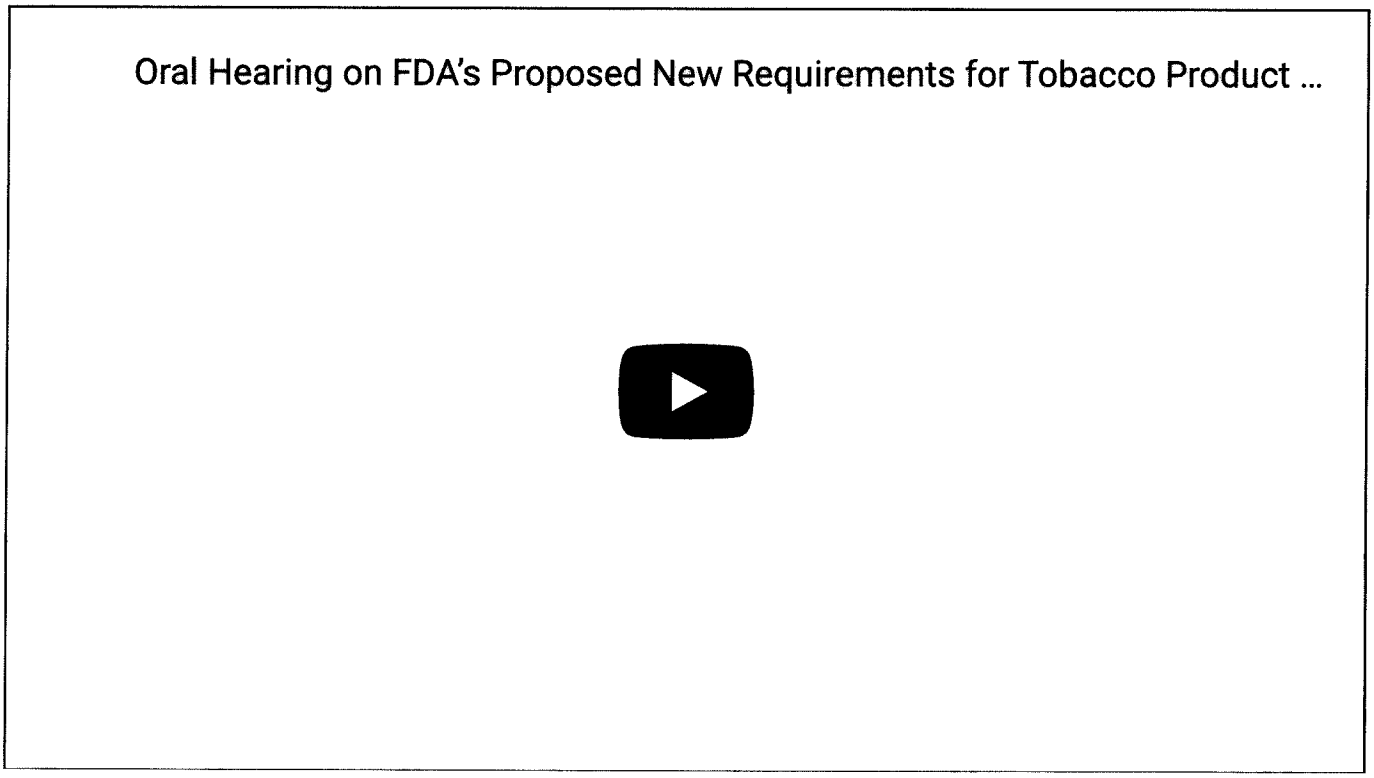
Session Recording



- Transcript: Oral Hearing on FDA's Proposed New Requirements for Tobacco Product Manufacturers (/media/168068/download)

Public Oral Hearing Objective

FDA held a public oral hearing on April 12, 2023, to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to share their comments on the proposed rule: "Requirements for Tobacco Product Manufacturing Practice."

FDA proposed new requirements for tobacco product manufacturers regarding the manufacture, design, packing, and storage of their products. These proposed requirements would help protect public health by, among other things, minimizing or preventing contamination and limiting additional risks by ensuring product consistency. The public oral hearing allowed FDA to gather additional comments on the proposed rule from stakeholders, including industry, the scientific community, advocacy groups, and the public.

FDA's aim was to make this hearing a transparent and inclusive opportunity to hear a range of ideas and perspectives from all interested parties. Groups and organizations were asked to select a single spokesperson to help FDA hear as many different perspectives as possible. No presentation materials or slides were used during the hearing.

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Live closed captioning and ASL interpreters were provided during the listening session. The transcript and recordingare now available and are accessible through the dockets as well as on this page.

This public oral hearing featured the following participants:

- Opening Moderator
  - Necola Staples, MBA Supervisory Health Communications Specialist, Office of Health Communications and Education, Center for Tobacco Products (CTP), FDA
- Presiding Officer
  - Dr. Brian King, PhD, MPH, Director, CTP, FDA
- Panelists
  - Mr. Matthew Brenner, J.D., Senior Regulatory Counsel, Office of Regulations, CTP, FDA
  - Mr. Emil Wang, J.D., Rear Admiral, U.S. Public Health Service, Senior Regulatory Counsel and Senior Advisor for Manufacturing and Regulatory Policy, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, CTP, FDA
  - Dr. Dale Slavin, PhD, Supervisory Science Policy Analyst, Branch Director, Science Policy Branch, Office of Science, CTP, FDA
  - Dr. Matthew Walters, PhD, MPH, Commander, U.S. Public Health Service, Deputy Division Director, Division of Product Science, Office of Science, CTP, FDA
  - Ms. Diana Kaneva, Associate Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, OC, FDA
  - Mr. Dylan Leischow, M.A., Economist, Office of Regulations, CTP, FDA
  - Dr./Ms./Mr. Cristina McLaughlin (FDA OEA), Office of Economic Analysis, FDA

Submit Comments on the Proposed Rule

You can submit electronic or written comments on the proposed rule. Comments must be submitted by 11:59 PM EDT on Sept. 6, 2023. Learn more about submitting comments on the proposed rule (https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-04591/requirements-for-tobacco-product-manufacturing-practice).

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