

Government of Punjab
Department of Health & Family welfare
(Health-V Branch)

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Dated, Chandigarh

Article 5.3 of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) states that "in setting and implementing their public health policies with respect to tobacco control, parties shall act to protect these policies from commercial and other vested interests of the tobacco industry in accordance with national law"

The Governor of Punjab is pleased to constitute an **Empowered Committee to implement Article 5.3 of WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control** headed by Principal Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of Health & Family Welfare, in order to deal with any kind of interference by the Tobacco Industry in the implementation of Cigarettes & Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) 2003/Ban on flavoured or scented Tobacco under Food Safety & Standards Act of India/ Declaration of Electronic Cigarettes (Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems) as illegal & for considering the representations by Tobacco Industry. The Committee will have the following members:-

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| 1. Principal Secretary (Home) or his representative | Member |
| 2. Financial Commissioner, Taxation or his representative | Member |
| 3. Secretary Health-cum-Commissioner FDA | Designated Special Officer |
| 4. Director, Deptt. of Information and Public Relations | Member |
| 5. Director Health & Family Welfare, Punjab | Member Secretary |

The Empowered Committee will ensure that proper protocols (enclosed) are followed while dealing with the Tobacco Industry.

Secretary Health cum Commissioner FDA will be the Designated Special Officer to receive representations from the Tobacco Industry representatives & to decide whether they are required to be dealt with or not. The Member Secretary shall decide upon the date for meeting with the Tobacco Industry representatives, if required, in consultation with other members. The proceedings of the meetings, when held will be submitted to Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Punjab

The representation of the Tobacco Industry will be uploaded on official website of Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab www.pbhealth.gov.in for the information of stakeholders.

Sd/-

Vini Mahajan, IAS,

Principal Secretary, Government of Punjab
Department of Health & Family Welfare

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A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. Principal Secretary, Home
2. Financial Commissioner, Taxation
3. Secretary, Health cum Commissioner FDA Punjab
4. Director, Deptt. of Information and Public Relations
5. Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab

Dharam Dev

Under Secretary, Health

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Dharam Dev

Under Secretary, Health