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| Name of the Committee | No. of Meeting | Date | Time | Venue |
| Tobacco and Tobacco Products Sectional Committee, FAD 4 | 26th  | **22 Oct 2024** | **2:30 AM** | Virtual |

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| **CHAIRPERSON:** **Dr. M. Sheshu Madhav,** Director, ICAR – Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh | **MEMBER SECRETARY:** **Ms. Nitasha Doger**Scientist - E Food & Agriculture Department,Bureau of Indian Standards, New Delhi |

**ATTENDANCE SHEET–** Please see ***Annex-A* (*pg.* 5)**

**Item 0 GENERAL**

* 1. **Welcome**

Ms. Nitasha Doger, Member Secretary FAD 4 extended a warm welcome to the Chairperson and the members of Tobacco and Tobacco Products Sectional Committee, FAD 4 to its 26th meeting and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for supporting BIS, the National Standards Body of India in its pursuit of standardization.

* 1. **Opening Remarks by the Chairman, FAD 30**

Dr. M. Sheshu Madhav, Chairman of the Committee extended a warm welcome to the members of the Committee to its 26th meeting. He encouraged the members to actively contribute and participate in national standardization work of the Committee.

**ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 25th meeting of the Committee held **11 June 2024,** virtually as circulated to members vide email dated, **5 July 2024**.

**ITEM 2 SCOPE, ACTIVITIES & COMPOSITION OF THE SECTIONAL COMMITTEE**

**2.1** The Committee noted the information given in item **2.1** of the agenda regarding scope & activities of the Tobacco and Tobacco Products Sectional Committee, FAD 4.

**2.2** The Committee noted the information given under item **2.2** and **Annex II** of the agenda regarding the present composition of FAD 4 along with the attendance record of last three meetings and decided to recommend withdrawal of Tata Memorial Center (Hospital), Mumbai from Committee composition to FADC considering their lack of participation in Committee meetings.

**2.3** The Committee noted the information given under item **2.3** and **Annex III** of the agenda regarding the scope and composition of Working groups under FAD 4. The Committee considered that Working Group, FAD 4/WG 05 has completed the task assigned to it i.e. review of IS 10335: 2016 and noted that IS 10335: 2024, Tobacco and Tobacco Products — Glossary of terms (*fourth revision of IS 10335*)has been published. The Committee accordingly decided to disband the working group.

**ITEM 3 INDIAN STANDARDS PUBLISHED/ UNDER PRINT**

The Committee noted the information provided under agenda item **3** regarding publication of IS 10335: 2024, Tobacco and Tobacco Products — Glossary of terms (*fourth revision of IS 10335*)andthat Doc. FAD 4 (22432), Tobacco and Tobacco Products — Determination of ammonia Method using ion chromatographic analysis (*Adoption of ISO* 21045:2018)under FAD 4 was under publication.

**ITEM 4 DRAFT INDIAN STANDARD COMPLETED WIDE CIRCULATION**

**Doc. Ref: FAD 4(26142) WC, Cigarettes Determination of carbon monoxide in the vapour phase of cigarette smoke NDIR method (*first revision of IS 16024*)**

The Committee noted the information provided under Agenda item **4** regarding completion of the WC period for the draft. The Committee further noted that during the WC period, only one comment indicating agreement with the draft was received. The Committee decided to finalize Doc: FAD 4(26142) WC, Cigarettes Determination of carbon monoxide in the vapour phase of cigarette smoke NDIR method (*first revision of IS 16024*) for publication as Indian standard.

**ITEM 5** **ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**5.1 BIS Certification of Tobacco Products**

The Committee noted the information provided under agenda item **5** and deliberated upon the policy decision in the matter that the product standards formulated by FAD 4 shall not contain certification clause, making them non-amenable to certification.

The Committee deliberated that increasing level of illicit trade and counterfeit production of tobacco product in India is causing significant revenue loss to the government. BIS certification can act as a potential tool for regulating sale of tobacco products in the country to ensure that the tobacco products sold in the country are in compliance with the Indian standards and sale of illegal and sub-standard products can be curtailed. The Committee further deliberated that there are other products like “Alcoholic beverages” which are also considered detrimental to human health and where certification clause exists in the Indian standards. The Committee was of the view that it is reasonable that BIS may consider common approach for all such products so that tobacco products are not singled out.

The representative from Central Marks Department (CMD 2) of BIS informed that the policy decision regarding deletion of certification clause from product standards formulated by FAD 4 has been taken considering that the direct detrimental impact of the stated products on the Human health does not go with the mandate of BIS to promote Quality Ecosystem in the country. Also, BIS standard mark comes with a credibility and it is recognized across the country as a mark quality and reliability. Using this mark on tobacco products may be misleading to the consumer as the same can be perceived as an assurance that the product is safe for use and may also encourage use of such products. It was further informed that presently there is no BIS license or application for tobacco products. Also, BIS has not received any proposal from the government to regulate sale of Tobacco products through mandatory BIS certification as of now.

The Committee after detailed deliberations decided that the draft amendments on the tobacco product standards for deletion of ‘Certification clause’ to be sent into wide circulation with 60 days commenting period. The Committee further recommended that BIS may reconsider the matter as and when there is demand from the regulator to regulate tobacco products using BIS certification.

**5.2 Revision of IS 5643: 2019, Tobacco and tobacco products - Methods of test for tobacco (*third revision*)**

The Committee noted that FAD4/ WG 6 has reviewed of IS 5643: 2019, Tobacco and tobacco products - Methods of test for tobacco (*third revision*). The Committee deliberated on the review document submitted by the working group given as Annex VII of the agenda and endorsed the recommendation of the working group provided in the review document.

The Committee requested BIS secretariat to prepare the draft revision document based on the review document and decided to send the draft into wide circulation (WC) for 60 days for comments.

**5.3 R&D Project on ‘Study of Good Agricultural Practices for Flue-cured Virginia [FCV] Tobacco and Bidi tobacco’**

The Committee noted the information provided in the agenda regarding participation of committee experts in technical and financial bid opening meetings of Research Evaluation Committee (REC) and final sanction of the project **‘**Study of Good Agricultural Practices for Flue-cured Virginia [FCV] Tobacco and Bidi tobacco’to ICAR- CTRI, Rajahmundry.

**ITEM 6 REVIEW OF INDIAN STANDARDS**

The Committee noted the information given under item **6** that, no Indian Standard under this Committee is pending for review in 2024-25 as per the five-year review criterion.

**ITEM 7 INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

* 1. The committee noted the information given under item **7.1 and 7.2** regardingliaisoning of FAD 4 with ISO/TC 126 and its sub-committees and India’s continued and effective participation at International level.
	2. The Committee noted representation from India in the following working groups under ISO/TC 126 and reminded the members of their responsibility to share the report of participation within one week of participation (virtual/ physical) in the WG meeting:

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| **ISO Committee/** **Working Group**  | **Title of Project**  | **Member Nominated**  |
| ISO/TC 126/WG 19  | Revision of ISO 15592 | Dr. Kamal Tyagi, ITC Ltd.  |
| ISO/TC 126/WG 22 | Tobacco heating systems | Dr. Kamal Tyagi, ITC Ltd.  |
| ISO/TC 126/WG 24 | Nicotine pouches | 1. Dr. Kamal Tyagi, ITC Ltd.
2. Dr. B. Deb, GPI, Mumbai
3. Dr. C. Hariharan, NTTL, Guwahati
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| ISO/TC 126/ WG 25 | Biodegradability | 1. Dr. P. P. Singh, TII
2. Dr. Kamal Tyagi, ITC Ltd.
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| ISO/TC 126/AHG 1  | Revision of ISO 21160 | Dr. Kamal Tyagi, ITC Ltd.  |

* 1. The Committee noted the information given in agenda item **7.4** regarding new instructions relating to India’s participation in ISO/IEC level, item **7.5** regarding new call for nominations received under ISO/TC 126 and item **7.6** on open ballots. The committee accordingly decided to constitute following working group for classifying the ballots under ISO TC/126 into major subject categories and ascertain level of interest (High/ Medium/ Low) for the same:
1. Dr. P. P. Singh, TII, New Delhi — **Convenor**
2. Dr. Bisbajit Deb, GPI Ltd, Mumbai
3. Dr. Kamal Kumar Tyagi: ITC Ltd, Bangalore
4. Dr L. K. Prasad, ICAR - CTRI, Rajahmundry
5. Dr. C. K. Sharma, Smokeless Tobacco Association, New Delhi

The Committee also requested the WG to identify one or two experts in respect of the subject categories which are of the Level H (High) and M(Medium). The WG may submit its report in 2 months’ time.

**7.4** The Committee also noted information given under agenda item 7.7 regarding procedure for proposing a new sub-committee under the parent ISO/TC. The Committee deliberated that proposing a new sub-committee on “Smokeless Tobacco Products’ under ISO/TC 126 would be an opportunity as well a matter of pride, however the same also calls for significant commitment, willingness to take secretariat responsibility and deployment of resources. The committee accordingly decided to seek interest from the committee members in the matter.

**ITEM 8 TIME AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The Committee decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee at ICAR- CTRI, Rajahmundry on the scheduled date as per the annual meeting calendar i.e. 25 March 2025 on best endeavor basis.

**ITEM 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no other business, the meeting ended with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chair & the members*.*

***Annex A***

Attendance for the 26th meeting of Tobacco and Tobacco Products Sectional Committee, FAD 04 held on 22 October 2024

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| **Sl. No.**  | **Organization** | **REPRESENTED BY** |
|  | Dr. M. Sheshu Madhav Chairperson FAD 04 & Director, ICAR-Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry |
|  | ICAR-Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry | Dr L. K. PrasadDr. Anindita Paul |
|  | Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Guntur | Smt. P. Pulli Bai |
|  | All India Bidi Industry Federation, Pune | Shri Umesh S. Parekh |
|  | CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow | Dr Devendra K. Patel |
|  | Consumer Education & Research Centre, Ahmedabad | Ms. Dolly A. Jani  |
|  | Consumer Guidance Society of India, Mumbai | Dr. Sitaram Dixit |
|  | Directorate General of Health Services, New Delhi | Dr. Avinash Sunthlia |
|  | Godfrey Phillips India Limited, Mumbai | Dr. Biswajit Deb Shri Pranam Nagare |
|  | ITC Limited, Bangalore | Dr. Kamal Kumar Tyagi\*  |
|  | National Tobacco Testing Laboratory, Mumbai | Shri C. Hariharan |
|  | National Tobacco Testing Laboratory, Guwahati | Shri Dinesh Kumar |
|  | PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi | Dr. Kausani Ghatak\*Shri Madhav Gujaran |
|  | Smokeless Tobacco Association, New Delhi | Dr. C. K. Sharma |
|  | Smokeless Tobacco Federation (India), Delhi | Shri Sanjay Bechan  |
|  | The Association Chambers of Commerce & Industries of India (ASSOCHAM), New Delhi | Shri Surajit Ghosh Shri Santhosh Prabhu |
|  | The Tobacco Institute of India, New Delhi | Dr. P. P. Singh |
|  | Tobacco Board, Min. of Commerce & Industry, Guntur | Shri B. Syam Prasad |
|  | VST Industries Ltd., Hyderabad | Dr K Venkata Satyanarayana |
|  | Food & Agriculture Department, BIS, New Delhi | Smt. Nitasha Doger\*, Scientist-E & Member Secretary, FAD 04 |
| Invitee |
|  | Central Marks Department, (CMD - II), BIS  | Shri Harish Meena\*  |

 *\*Physically present during the meeting*