

APPENDIX I

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THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SMOKING
ISSUES

The Role and Purpose of ICOSI

ICOSI is an international organisation which has been established to study, advise and act upon issues concerned with smoking, with particular regard to smoking as a social issue.

ICOSI aims to establish an agreed industry position on matters of common interest, to establish appropriate policies and to encourage their implementation through their own affiliates and through national trade associations.

Topics of interest to ICOSI are all those which threaten its freedom of action and which affect the long-term interests of the tobacco industry primarily in the area of smoking and health. ICOSI is not concerned in any way with issues associated with the marketing of tobacco products or matters of a competitive or commercial nature.

Membership of the Committee is restricted to free-enterprise tobacco companies with interests in a number of national markets.

There will be two categories of membership.

- (a) Full membership will provide one seat on the Board of Governors and one seat on the Executive Committee.
- (b) Associate membership, where there will be no representation on the Board or on the Executive Committee.

All Members and Associate Members shall be bound by the decisions of ICOSI. If, for any reason, circumstances arise whereby a member company is unable to vote in favour of an ICOSI resolution then that member company has the right to abstain. However his company is still bound by the decisions of the Board providing such decisions receive the support of the majority of the membership. In the event of this not proving possible then that member company must render its resignation.

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It is a condition of Associate membership that the applicant should be a free-enterprise organisation. Where a full member company holds an interest in the applicant for Associate membership, this interest should not exceed 25 per cent. Costs incurred in the operation of ICOSI and in the implementation of its policies will be shared by its members. Full and Associate Members will have separate fee scales, the latter to be agreed at a later date.

Residual costs not covered by income from Associate Membership will be shared equally by full member companies. (Depending on cost levels and size of company, equal sharing will be reviewed at a later date).

Members and Associate Members may be offered membership by the invitation of the Governing body should such an invitation be a unanimous decision or by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, or by an individual company application to the Executive Committee where a unanimous vote will be required. If a unanimous decision of the Executive Committee is not obtained, the individual company is at liberty to place a proposal before the Governing body; such application again requiring a unanimous decision in its favour.

Should a Member or Associate Member wish to resign from ICOSI, then it will be required to provide funds to cover its proportion of the costs incurred by ICOSI up to the date of such resignation. In the event of resignation the member company should be responsible for its share of all costs committed and work commissioned prior to resignation. Payment of the requisite funds will be made to ICOSI no later than the effective date of resignation.

Should a new full Member join ICOSI during the first year or part year, he will be called upon to pay the same full contribution made by an existing Member. In subsequent years, the costs will be shared equally among all Members.

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