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Proposals for a Group-wide approach on Additives Guidance

Following the specialist meeting in Hamburg in February 1988, it has been suggested that there should be a CAC level Ingredients Review Panel, with the implication that there might be a positive list of permitted materials available throughout the Group.

Independently of the above there are possibilities that, in Europe, the EEC will draw up a single list of Tobacco Additives, superseding the existing regulations applying in Belgium, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom, possibly in relation to the changes in the common market due in 1992. Before proceeding further, agreement is needed on the following questions:

1. Whether such a positive list is needed.
2. Agreement on terms of reference for compilation of the list.
3. Whether or not it should be restricted to cigarette additives or to wider issues, e.g. agricultural chemicals.

Should it be decided to proceed further it is envisaged that a special group will need to be convened to tackle the complex issues involved.

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