Tobacco Strategy Review Team - 17th September, 1990

Ammonia treatment on Virginia Blends

Due to availability of materials, the full matrix experiment, in which the three possible modes of adding ammonia (sheet, "Emerge" and extrusion) are evaluated on Virginia, Modified Virginia and US Blended products, will not be completed until December.

In order to gain an earlier insight into the potential value of the three NH_3 treatments a preliminary trial has been established as follows:

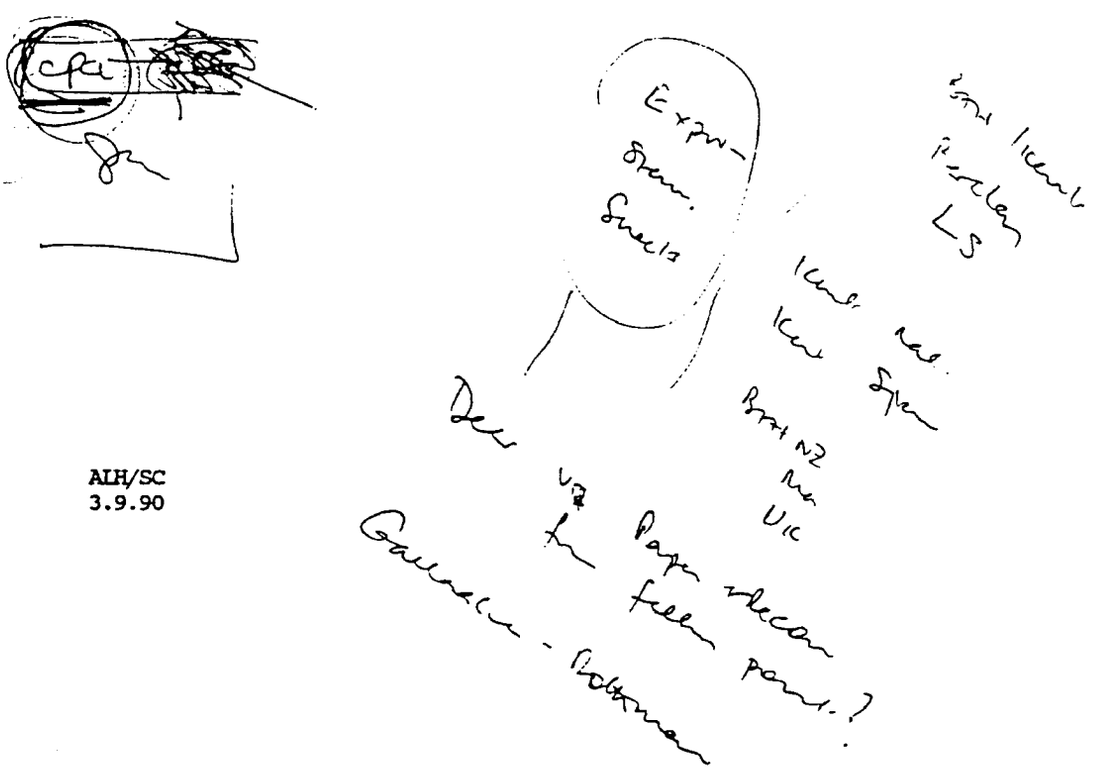
1. Use B&H Special Mild will be used as control. This is a modified Virginia blend (9% Burley inclusion).

2. Four samples are being made:

   (a) B&H SM lamina with 22% stem (commercial control but made in BTC).
   (b) B&H SM lamina with 22% stem treated with EMERGE (to German specification).
   (c) B&H SM lamina with 13% stem and 9% CPCL-9.
   (d) B&H SM lamina with 13% stem and 9% DEER-AMTECH.

3. Cigarettes will be made to the same specification, analysed and sensory tested.

4. It is planned to test this by 12th September, 1990.



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