

We presume that this "ruling" of a maximum of .015% is applicable to tobaccos as well as cigarettes.

(2) I.T. CO. FLAVOURS

What is the position regarding I.T. Co. tobaccos which generally contain between .02 and .05% SYNTHOS, e.g. "St. Bruno"? Incidentally, Production Department produced a list of brands taking SYNTHOS, but have no record concerning Gallaher's flavours and I.T. Co's "Cut Golden Bar" flavour. Should we take steps to ascertain whether these items in fact contain SYNTHOS, and how much?

(3) PROPRIETARY FLAVOURS

As regards proprietary flavours, purchased mainly by overseas companies, the composition is not usually disclosed by the supplier.

In the case of current brands taking such flavours, should we and overseas companies require the suppliers to certify the percentage of SYNTHOS in their flavour concentrate so that we can ensure that no more than .015% is being applied to the blend; and if it works out that more than this maximum would be applied, request the supplier to reduce the SYNTHOS content?

In the case of the production of new brands taking a proprietary flavour, we should have to stipulate

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that for our use the proprietary flavour must not carry SYNTHOS. If the supplier should not be prepared to do this or issue any declaration regarding the SYNTHOS content of the flavour, then we would not avail ourselves of that particular supply. When we refer to "new brands" are we to include old brands made in new territories, e.g. "Life", "North State", etc.?

(4) TONKA AND DEER TONGUE FLAVOURS

What is the position regarding Tonka beans and powdered deer tongue? Although the SYNTHOS content of Tonka bean is only $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ % of the bean, it is frequently used as a concentrated extract which, when applied to the tobacco, could approach the maximum content in terms of SYNTHOS. Presumably, this would be permitted on current brands provided the prescribed maximum of .015% on tobacco is not exceeded.

The SYNTHOS content of deer tongue leaves is only about 1 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ % and in general we do not think the amount of CARPAS applied to tobacco exceeds the prescribed maximum of .015% SYNTHOS. However, in the case of "Gold Block", the character of which

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