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DISCUSSION PAPER

Q. *What is a Discussion Paper?*

A: A discussion paper is a tool used to inform stakeholders and those interested about a project. The discussion papers sets out the key elements of the project.

Q. *What are “key elements”?*

A. Key elements cover the most important parts of the proposed changes to the Tobacco Control Act. The proposed key elements cover a lot of different topics, including the regulation of tobacco products and accessories.

Q. *How did you come up with the key elements in the discussion paper?*

A. The proposed key elements are based on tobacco control legislation in provinces across Canada, while also taking into consideration the provisions established by the Government of Canada’s *Tobacco Act* and the capacity of the Department of Health and Social Services to enforce tobacco control.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Q. *Can anyone provide feedback on the discussion paper?*

A. Yes. The Department of Health and Social Services encourages everyone to provide comments on the discussion paper, including tobacco retail owners and operators, other affected professionals, and the general public.

The feedback we receive will inform changes to the Tobacco Control Act that are functional and beneficial for both the Department, retailers, and the public.

The deadline for feedback is Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Q. *Can I share the discussion paper with my co-worker (friend, family member, etc.)?*

A. Yes. The Department of Health and Social Services encourages you to share the document with anyone you think might be affected by the proposed key elements. The more feedback we receive the more the Act will be functional and beneficial to retailers, and the public.

Q. *What happens to the discussion paper after Wednesday, March 1, 2017 (the deadline for feedback)?*

A. The discussion paper as well as the feedback provided by the public will help form the drafting instructions for amendments to the *Tobacco Control Act*.

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Q. *What if I have comments or questions after Wednesday, March 1, 2017 (the deadline for feedback)?*

A. Please feel free to send the Department of Health and Social Services feedback on the discussion paper at the provided contact information. As with all legislation, we will ensure that feedback provided by the public is considered through all stages of development.

Q. *How can I provide feedback on the discussion paper?*

A. Submit comments by mail, email or fax.

Attn: Comments on Discussion Paper - Tobacco Control in the Northwest Territories

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TIMELINE

Q. *When will the proposed amendments to the Tobacco Control Act be drafted? When will it come into force?*

A. Depending on feedback received through consultation, the Department of Health and Social Services expects to have the amendments drafted by fall 2017. However, the amendments will likely not come into force until 2018.

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