

Petitioner submission of 7 June 2022

PE1932/B: Ban smoking in Scotland and develop a strategy for vaping

Having read through the document and comments I find it extremely strange that the Scottish Government are quoting article 5.3 and using it as a barrier.

Article 5.3 of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control states: '*In setting and implementing their public health policies with respect to tobacco control, Parties shall act to protect these policies from commercial and other vested interests of the **tobacco industry** in accordance with national law*'.

We, Absolute Ejuice VPZ, are nothing to do with the tobacco industry and none of our products contain tobacco. In our view, Article 5.3 is being misused here and there are no such grounds for it to be.

I would also like to add that what we are trying to do is get some engagement from the Scottish Government to discuss the Public Health disaster that smoking is and look to work together to develop a progressive strategy for vaping to allow adult smokers to have a clear and successful pathway to quit smoking.