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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

COMITÉ PERMANENT DE LA SANTÉ

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**HEALTH COMMITTEE EXAMINES
PLAIN PACKAGING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

Ottawa - March 24, 1994

The Hon. Roger Simmons, M.P. (Burlin-St. George's), Chairman of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health, today announced the Committee's plan to begin a study of plain packaging of tobacco products.

This study is in response to the federal government's Action Plan on Smuggling and the request that the Health Committee make recommendations on plain packaging. According to Mr. Simmons, the Committee plans to examine the effectiveness of plain packaging of tobacco products in reducing both tobacco consumption and smuggling. Legal considerations related to this issue will also be studied.

The Committee will hold public hearings in Ottawa during April and May, commencing the week of April 11, 1994. Interested groups and individuals are invited to indicate their intention to make a submission and/or their wish to appear before the Committee by April 8, 1994.

The membership of the Health Committee is as follows:
Roger Simmons (Chair), Rey Pagtakhan (Vice-Chair), Pauline Picard (Vice-Chair),
and members: Margaret Bridgman, Pierre de Savoye, Hedy Fry, Keith Martin,
Bernard Patry, Andy Scott, Paul Szabo and Rose-Marie Ur.

For further information, please contact Carmen DePape, Clerk of the Committee, Committees Directorate, 180 Wellington, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6 - Tel: (613) 992-1775 or by fax: (613) 992-7974.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
STUDY ON PLAIN PACKAGING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. To receive evidence and otherwise examine:
 - a) the effectiveness of plain packaging of tobacco products in reducing both tobacco consumption and smuggling;
 - b) the legal considerations related to plain packaging.
2. To report on the findings of the enquiry and to make recommendations to the federal government.

COMITÉ PERMANENT DE LA SANTÉ
ÉTUDE SUR LA BANALISATION DES PRODUITS DU TABAC

MANDAT :

1. Recueillir des témoignages et examiner :
 - a) l'efficacité de l'emballage neutre des produits du tabac comme moyen de réduire la consommation et la contrebande du tabac;
 - b) les questions législatives relatives à l'emballage neutre.
2. Faire rapport sur les conclusions de l'enquête et présenter des recommandations au gouvernement fédéral.

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS * * ***
(as of Monday, April 18, 1994)

TUESDAY, APRIL 19 - STUDY ON PLAIN PACKAGING
Room 536, Wellington Building

- 9:00 a.m. (In camera) - Briefing by Justice Officials
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 10:30 a.m. - Shorewood Packaging

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 - ESTIMATES
Room 536, Wellington Building

- 9:00 a.m. - Briefing by Treasury Board Officials
 10:00 a.m. - Briefing by Auditor General Officials

TUESDAY, APRIL 26 - ESTIMATES
Room 371, West Block

- 9:00 a.m. - Minister of Health Marleau and Officials

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 - STUDY ON PLAIN PACKAGING
Room 371, West Block

- 9:00 a.m. - Rototone Gravure Services Inc.
 9:30 a.m. - Smoke Free Nova Scotia **(to confirm)**
 10:00 a.m. - "Conseil québécois sur le tabac et la santé"
 10:30 a.m. - "Syndicat international des travailleurs de la
 boulangerie, confiserie et du tabac"
 (to confirm)
 11:00 a.m. - Ontario Campaign for Action on Tobacco
 11:30 a.m. - R.B.J. Health Management Association

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- TUESDAY, MAY 3** - **STUDY ON PLAIN PACKAGING**
Room 269, West Block
- 9:00 a.m. - Canadian Council on Smoking and Health
 - 9:30 a.m. - Professor Richard Pollay, University of B.C.
 - 10:00 a.m. - Canadian Medical Association
 - 10:30 a.m. - Dr. Fred Bass, B.C. Medical Association
(to confirm)
 - 11:00 a.m. - Packaging Association of Canada
 - 11:30 a.m. - F.P. Labour Consultant Services
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- THURSDAY, MAY 5** - **STUDY ON PLAIN PACKAGING**
Room 701, La Promenade
(151 Sparks St.)
- 9:00 a.m. - Lawson Mardon Packaging Inc.
 - 9:30 a.m. - Kromacorp
 - 10:00 a.m. - Canadian Oncology Society **(to confirm)**
 - 10:30 a.m. - Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors
 - 11:00 a.m. - Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada
 - 11:30 a.m. - Ontario Convenience Stores Association

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TUESDAY, MAY 10 - STUDY ON PLAIN PACKAGING

Meeting room to be determined

- 8:30 a.m. - Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board
 - 9:00 a.m. - Quebec Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board
 - 9:30 a.m. - Canadian Lung Association
 - 10:00 a.m. - Ontario Ministry of Health
 - 10:30 a.m. - Phillip Morris International Inc.
 - 11:00 a.m. - R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.
 - 11:30 a.m. - Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores
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THURSDAY, MAY 12 - STUDY ON PLAIN PACKAGING

Meeting room to be determined

- 9:00 a.m. - Nova Scotia Health Minister
- 9:30 a.m. - Kohl & Frisch Ltd.
- 10:00 a.m. - 2 Ontario M.P.P.s
- 10:30 a.m. - Patent & Trademark Institute of Canada
- 11:00 a.m. - Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers Council

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MEETINGS PREVIOUSLY HELD ON THE PLAIN PACKAGING STUDY

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Room 536, Wellington Building

10:00 a.m. - Briefing by Health Canada Officials

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Room 371, West Block

9:00 a.m. - Non-Smokers' Rights Association

10:00 a.m. - Canadian Cancer Society

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