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**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT**

Bidi Vapor LLC,

Petitioner,

v.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Janet Woodcock, M.D., Acting
Commissioner; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,

Respondents.

On Review Of FDA Marketing Denial Order (STN PM0003460)
Issued Under The Federal Tobacco Control Act

**PETITIONER BIDI VAPOR LLC'S
PETITION FOR REVIEW**

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Pursuant to Eleventh Circuit Rule 26.1-1, Petitioner hereby certifies that the following have an interest in the outcome of this petition for review:

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11th Cir. R. 26.1-3 Certification: No publicly traded company or corporation has an interest in the outcome of this appeal.

11th Cir. R. 26.1-2 Certification: The undersigned certifies that this CIP is complete at the time of filing.

Dated: September 29, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION FOR REVIEW

Pursuant to the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (“TCA”), 21 U.S.C. § 387l(a), Fed. R. App. P. 15, and 11th Cir. R. 15-2, Bidi Vapor LLC (“Bidi”) hereby petitions this Court for review of a Marketing Denial Order (“MDO”) issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) to Bidi on September 7, 2021. The MDO was issued pursuant to Section 910 of the TCA, 21 U.S.C. § 387j, and denies a marketing order sought by Bidi in Premarket Tobacco Product Applications (“PMTA”) submitted to the FDA for certain electronic nicotine delivery system products manufactured and sold by Bidi (FDA Submission Tracking Number (STN) PM0003460). A copy of the MDO is attached as Exhibit A.

This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to Section 912 of the TCA, 21 U.S.C. § 387l(a)(1)(B), as the MDO constitutes a denial of Bidi’s PMTAs. Venue is also proper in this Court because it is the regional circuit where Bidi’s principal place of business, 4460 Old Dixie Hwy, Grant-Valkaria, Florida, is located.

Bidi seeks judicial review of the MDO under the TCA, 21 U.S.C. § 387l, the Administrative Procedure Act (“APA”), 5 U.S.C. §§ 551, 701, *et seq.*, and the U.S. Constitution, and seeks a determination by this Court that, *inter alia*, the MDO is arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with the law, as well as contrary to constitutional right and in excess of statutory jurisdiction, authority, or limitations, or short of statutory right. Accordingly, Bidi respectfully

requests that this Court grant its Petition for Review, and vacate and set aside the MDO, as well as provide additional relief as may be appropriate, including such relief as necessary to ensure that Bidi may continue to market the products subject to this matter to its adult consumers.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Maureen B. Soles, hereby certify that on September 29, 2021, I filed the foregoing Petition for Review via the Court's ECF filing system. I further certify that I caused one copy to be served on the following by Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested (per FDA's COVID-19 service rules and FRCP 4(i)) and also by electronic mail where indicated:

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EXHIBIT A

*Marketing Denial Order for STN PM0003460, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Bidi Vapor LLC (Sept. 7, 2021)*



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10903 New Hampshire Avenue
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September 07, 2021

DENIAL

Bidi Vapor LLC
Attention: Nirajkumar Patel, CEO
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FDA Submission Tracking Number (STN): PM0003460, see Appendix A

Dear Mr. Patel:

We are denying a marketing granted order for the products identified in Appendix A. Refer to Appendix B for a list of amendments received in support of your applications.

Based on our review of your PMTAs¹, we determined that the new products, as described in your applications and specified in Appendix A, lack sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the marketing of these products is appropriate for the protection of the public health (APPH). Therefore, you cannot introduce or deliver for introduction these products into interstate commerce in the United States. Doing so is a prohibited act under section 301(a) of the FD&C Act, the violation of which could result in enforcement action by FDA.

If you choose to submit new applications for these products, you must fulfill all requirements set forth in section 910(b)(1). You may provide information to fulfill some of these requirements by including an authorization for FDA to cross-reference a Tobacco Product Master File.² You may not cross-reference information submitted in the PMTAs subject to this Denial.

Based on review of your PMTA, we identified the following key basis for our determination:

1. All of your PMTAs lack sufficient evidence demonstrating that your flavored ENDS will provide a benefit to adult users that would be adequate to outweigh the risks to youth. In light of the known risks to youth of marketing flavored ENDS, robust and reliable evidence is needed regarding the magnitude of the potential benefit to adult smokers. This evidence could have been provided using a randomized controlled trial and/or longitudinal cohort study that demonstrated the benefit of your flavored ENDS products over an appropriate comparator tobacco-flavored ENDS. Alternatively, FDA would consider other evidence but only if it reliably and robustly evaluated the impact of the new flavored vs. tobacco-flavored products on adult smokers' switching or cigarette reduction over time. We did not find such evidence in your PMTAs. Without this information, FDA concludes that your applications are insufficient to demonstrate that these products would provide an added benefit that is adequate to outweigh

¹ Premarket Tobacco Product Application (PMTA) submitted under section 910 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act)

² See guidelines at <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/tobacco-product-master-files>

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the risks to youth and, therefore, cannot find that permitting the marketing of your new tobacco products would be appropriate for the protection of the public health.

We cannot find that the marketing of your new tobacco products is APPH. The review concluded that key evidence demonstrating APPH is absent. Therefore, scientific review did not proceed to assess other aspects of the applications. As such, this is not an exhaustive list of all possible deficiencies.

Upon issuance of this order, your products are misbranded under section 903(a)(6) of the FD&C Act and adulterated under section 902(6)(A) of the FD&C Act. Failure to comply with the FD&C Act may result in FDA regulatory action without further notice. These actions may include, but are not limited to, civil money penalties, seizure, and/or injunction.

We encourage you to submit all regulatory correspondence electronically via the CTP Portal^{3,4} using eSubmitter.⁵ Alternatively, submissions may be mailed to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Tobacco Products
Document Control Center (DCC)
Building 71, Room G335
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002

The CTP Portal and FDA's Electronic Submission Gateway (ESG) are generally available 24 hours a day, seven days a week; submissions are considered received by DCC on the day of successful upload. Submissions delivered to DCC by courier or physical mail will be considered timely if received during delivery hours on or before the due date⁶; if the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the delivery must be received on or before the preceding business day. We are unable to accept regulatory submissions by e-mail.

³ For more information about CTP Portal, see

<https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/manufacturing/submit-documents-ctp-portal>

⁴ FDA's Electronic Submission Gateway (ESG) is still available as an alternative to the CTP Portal.

⁵ For more information about eSubmitter, see <https://www.fda.gov/industry/fda-esubmitter>

⁶ <https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/about-center-tobacco-products-ctp/contact-ctp>

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If you have any questions, please contact Antonio Thornton, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (240) 402-3577 or Antonio.Thornton@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Matthew R. Holman, Ph.D.

Director

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Center for Tobacco Products

Enclosures (if provided electronically, the Appendix is not included in physical mail):

Appendix A – New Tobacco Products Subject of This Letter

Appendix B – Amendments Received for These Applications

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Appendix A⁷

New Tobacco Products Subject of This Letter

Common Attributes	
Submission date	September 8, 2020
Receipt date	September 8, 2020
Applicant	Bidi Vapor LLC
Product manufacturer	Bidi Vapor LLC
Product category	ENDS (VAPES)
Product subcategory	ENDS Component

⁷ Brand/sub-brand or other commercial name used in commercial distribution.

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Appendix B
Amendments Received for These Applications

Submission Date	Receipt Date	Applications being amended	Reviewed	Brief Description
October 13, 2020	October 13, 2020	All	Yes	Technical Update
November 23, 2020	November 23, 2020	All	Yes	Technical Update
November 23, 2020	November 23, 2020	All	Yes	Technical Update
November 24, 2020	November 24, 2020	All	Yes	Technical Update
November 24, 2020	November 24, 2020	All	Yes	Technical Update
November 24, 2020	November 24, 2020	All	Yes	Technical Update
November 24, 2020	November 24, 2020	All	Yes	Technical Update
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November 24, 2020	November 24, 2020	All	Yes	Technical Update
November 24, 2020	November 24, 2020	All	Yes	Technical Update
November 25, 2020	November 25, 2020	All	Yes	Technical Update
November 25, 2020	November 25, 2020	All	Yes	Technical Update
January 6, 2021	January 6, 2021	All	Yes	Technical Update
March 23, 2021	March 23, 2021	All	Yes	Technical Update
April 20, 2021	April 20, 2021	All	Yes	Technical Update

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SKU	Product Name	Category	Material	Package Type	Product Count	Disposables	Notes
PM0003460 P01	Bell Stock - Arctic	ENDS(VAPES)	ENDS Component	Plastic box	1 E-Cigarette	Ment, Menthol	Length: 112.5 mm, Diameter: Not Provided, Nicotine: 60 mg/mL, PG/VG Ratio: 48/52, 201, 1.8 W, Battery Capacity: 280 mAh, Width: 15.5 mm, Thickness: 7 mm, Disposable
PM0003460 P02	Bell Stock - Winter	ENDS(VAPES)	ENDS Component	Plastic box	1 E-Cigarette	Watermelon, Melon, Menthol	Length: 112.5 mm, Diameter: Not Provided, Nicotine: 60 mg/mL, PG/VG Ratio: 48/52, 201, 1.8 W, Battery Capacity: 280 mAh, Width: 15.5 mm, Thickness: 7 mm, Disposable
PM0003460 P03	Bell Stock - Zest	ENDS(VAPES)	ENDS Component	Plastic box	1 E-Cigarette	Melons, Pineapple, Banana	Length: 112.5 mm, Diameter: Not Provided, Nicotine: 60 mg/mL, PG/VG Ratio: 48/52, 201, 1.8 W, Battery Capacity: 280 mAh, Width: 15.5 mm, Thickness: 7 mm, Disposable
PM0003460 P04	Bell Stock - Dawn	ENDS(VAPES)	ENDS Component	Plastic box	1 E-Cigarette	Ment, Zinger, Lemon	Length: 112.5 mm, Diameter: Not Provided, Nicotine: 60 mg/mL, PG/VG Ratio: 48/52, 201, 1.8 W, Battery Capacity: 280 mAh, Width: 15.5 mm, Thickness: 7 mm, Disposable
PM0003460 P05	Bell Stock - Gold	ENDS(VAPES)	ENDS Component	Plastic box	1 E-Cigarette	Fresh Mango	Length: 112.5 mm, Diameter: Not Provided, Nicotine: 60 mg/mL, PG/VG Ratio: 48/52, 201, 1.8 W, Battery Capacity: 280 mAh, Width: 15.5 mm, Thickness: 7 mm, Disposable
PM0003460 P06	Bell Stock - Marginal	ENDS(VAPES)	ENDS Component	Plastic box	1 E-Cigarette	Mango, Menthol	Length: 112.5 mm, Diameter: Not Provided, Nicotine: 60 mg/mL, PG/VG Ratio: 48/52, 201, 1.8 W, Battery Capacity: 280 mAh, Width: 15.5 mm, Thickness: 7 mm, Disposable
PM0003460 P07	Bell Stock - Regal	ENDS(VAPES)	ENDS Component	Plastic box	1 E-Cigarette	Dragonfruit, Strawberry	Length: 112.5 mm, Diameter: Not Provided, Nicotine: 60 mg/mL, PG/VG Ratio: 48/52, 201, 1.8 W, Battery Capacity: 280 mAh, Width: 15.5 mm, Thickness: 7 mm, Disposable
PM0003460 P08	Bell Stock - Solar	ENDS(VAPES)	ENDS Component	Plastic box	1 E-Cigarette	Strawberry, Blueberry	Length: 112.5 mm, Diameter: Not Provided, Nicotine: 60 mg/mL, PG/VG Ratio: 48/52, 201, 1.8 W, Battery Capacity: 280 mAh, Width: 15.5 mm, Thickness: 7 mm, Disposable
PM0003460 P09	Bell Stock - Summer	ENDS(VAPES)	ENDS Component	Plastic box	1 E-Cigarette	Blueberry, Pomegranate	Length: 112.5 mm, Diameter: Not Provided, Nicotine: 60 mg/mL, PG/VG Ratio: 48/52, 201, 1.8 W, Battery Capacity: 280 mAh, Width: 15.5 mm, Thickness: 7 mm, Disposable
PM0003460 P10	Bell Stock - Tropical	ENDS(VAPES)	ENDS Component	Plastic box	1 E-Cigarette	Mango, Apple, Orange	Length: 112.5 mm, Diameter: Not Provided, Nicotine: 60 mg/mL, PG/VG Ratio: 48/52, 201, 1.8 W, Battery Capacity: 280 mAh, Width: 15.5 mm, Thickness: 7 mm, Disposable