Trinkets & Trash Artifacts of the Tobacco Epidemic

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Tobacco Updates

Phillip Morris International introduces tobacco heating system *IQOS* to the US market with magazine ad and website. Already available in markets worldwide, *IQOS* is starting to be marketed now in the United States. Although it is only currently available to purchase in Atlanta, a national magazine ad ran in this month's issue of *Vogue* magazine. The ad encourages consumers to "Meet *IQOS*" and promotes the product as "Real tobacco—No ash—Less odor". The age-verified website also aims to introduce consumers to the new technology utilized to use tobacco. The website offers users a video tutorials on how to use the USB-powered "sleek pen-like object" used to heat Marlboro *Heatsticks*. It also claims "*IQOS* technology may be sophisticated, but using *IQOS* is rather straight forward." Interestingly, both videos feature women using the new product — one waking up preparing morning coffee and another after enjoying lunch at a restaurant with friends.



Swedish Match announces nationwide availability of *ZYN* tobacco-free nicotine pouches via email and retail promotions. Until this summer, *ZYN* has only been available in select US markets. The brand recently emailed users to "introduce" them to *ZYN*. The email provides links to the brand's website where users can utilize a store locater to "Find (their) *ZYN*". The email markets *ZYN* as a "tobacco-free, smoke-free and spit-free" pouch that comes in six flavors and two nicotine strengths. The email also asks users to follow the brand on its Facebook page. To market *ZYN* in the retail environment, *Swedish Match* distributed pamphlets to retailers describing the product and how to use it. The pamphlet asks consumers to "Discover a fresh, new way to experience nicotine satisfaction."

Tobacco. Water. Sun. 7-Eleven started marketing *Teton* cigarettes as part of its private brand portfolio this summer. Manufactured by the Wilson, North Carolina-based *Wind River Tobacco Company, Teton* cigarettes are packaged and marketed similar to *Natural American Spirit* and *Nat's* cigarettes. *Teton*, however elaborates on the phrase of "tobacco and water" and adds the word "sun".



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