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Novelty Lighters

**Joint Follow-up Market Surveillance Activities on Child-Resistant Lighters and Novelty Lighters
(LIGHTERS 09)**

(Grant Agreement no. 2009 82 05 – LIGHTERS 09)

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Ban of Novelty Lighters

- Commission Decision 11 May 2006 (2006/502/EC) and subsequent prolongations
- Article 2: Member States shall prohibit
 - the placing on the market of novelty lighters from 11 March 2007
 - Supply of novelty lighters to consumers from 11 March 2008
- Definition of Novelty Lighter: Specification 3.2 of EN 13869:2002
- EN 13869:2002+A1:2011 introduces modification to 3.2 by replacing the existing definition term with „child appealing lighter“



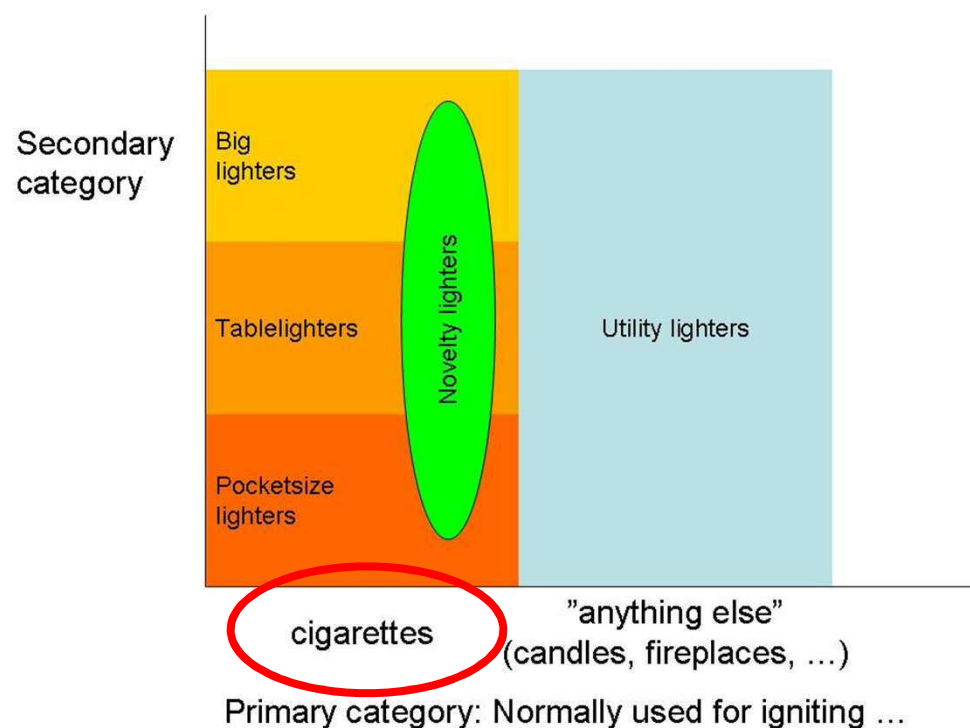
Guidance Documents

- GUIDELINES for the application of COMMISSION DECISION of 11 May 2006 (2006/502/EC) requiring Member States to take measures to ensure that only lighters which are child resistant are placed on the market and to prohibit the placing on the market of novelty lighters (SEC 2006) 1630 – Chapter 2.3.
- Elements for determining novelty features:
 - Shape, size, weight, colour(s), presentation.



Scope of novelty lighter definition

- Note on Classification of Lighters and Other Flame-producing Products:





Non-exhaustive Inventory

- 13 Categories

Inventory of lighter designs that are considered to be novelty lighters

No.	Category	Photos	Remark
1.	Vehicles and parts of vehicles (Cars, trucks, bicycles, motorbikes, trains, etc.)		Core group meeting March 29 th . The 40 feet container is considered to be a novelty lighter because it looks like toys used by children when playing with model railways.
2.	Food & Drink (Fruits, cans, sweets, ice creams, etc.)		Core group meeting March 29 th . Cans are considered novelty lighters.



Non-exhaustive Inventory (cont)

Categories of Novelty lighters designs:

1. Vehicles and parts of vehicles
2. Food & Drink
3. Musical Instruments
4. Guns & Weapons
5. Tools, Furniture & Household Appliances
6. Buildings
7. Telephones & Electronics
8. Toys
9. Animals
10. Seasonal & Cartoon Characters
11. Sports Equipment, Garments, Buckles and Jewelleryž
12. Body Parts
13. Lighters with entertaining features & attachments



RAF – Rapid Advice Forum

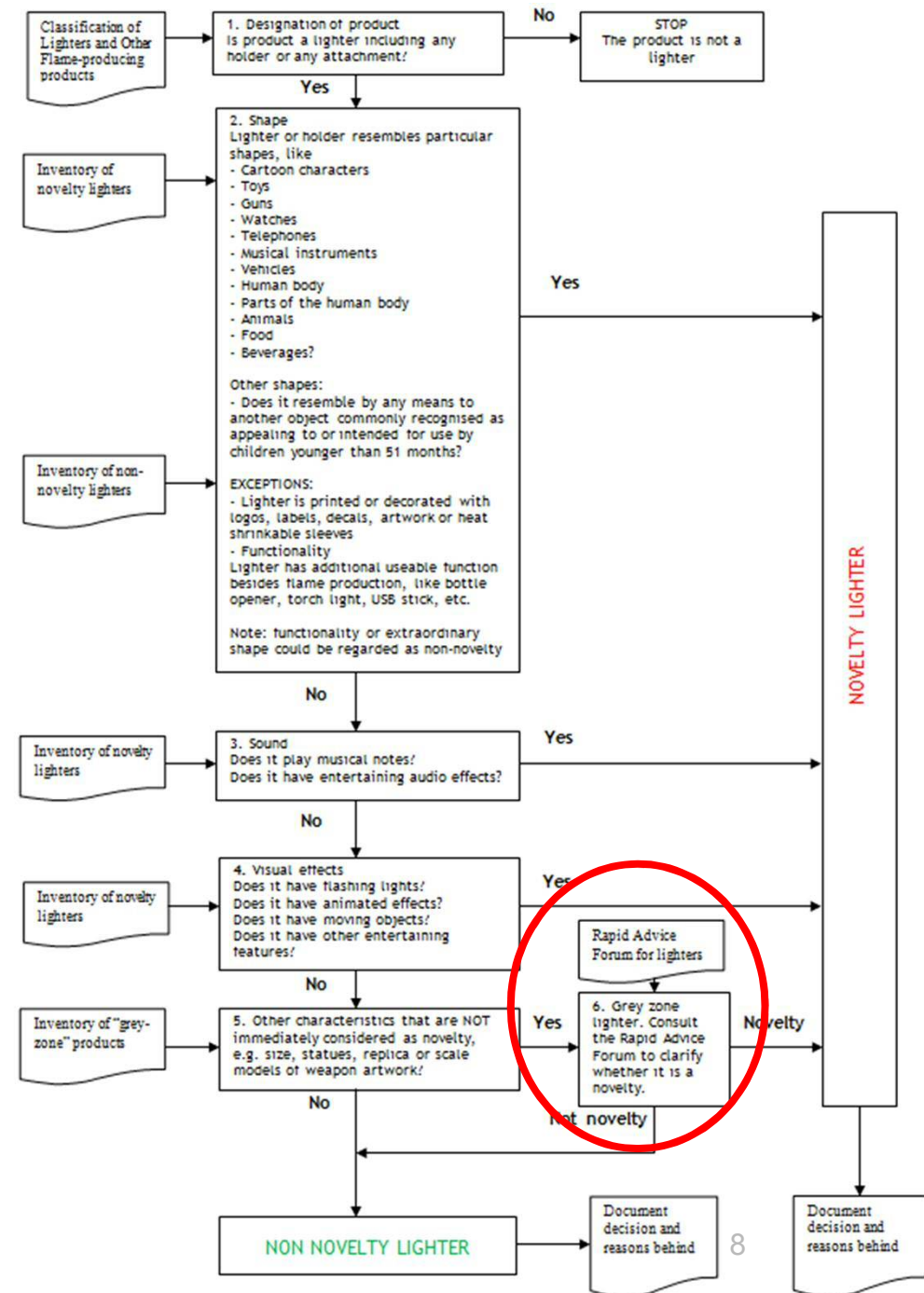
- Exchange of opinions between market surveillance officials on question Novelty or not?
- Example:





Development of Decision tree

- Structure decision process
- Inclusion of RAF for grey zone lighters





RAPEX Statistics on Novelty Lighters

Year	Art. 12	For Info	Sum
2010	15	12	27
2011	6	10	16
2012 (Oct.)	12	14	26
Sum	33	36	69



Novelty lighters appealing not only to young children ...

- 18 Sept 2012 - Open Day at Market Inspectorate





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Thank you for your attention!

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