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MCK to Create Tobacco Health & Safety Regulations

For immediate release

(Kahnawá:ke – 21, Seskehkó:wa/September 2005) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) has announced that it has begun the process of creating health and safety regulations for Kahnawá:ke's tobacco manufacturing industry.

It is clear to the MCK that there is a need to ensure that proper standards are created in order to protect the interests of the workers, especially those involved in the actual handling of tobacco products. There are no current Kahnawá:ke regulations that allow for inspection and implementation of such measures.

The MCK will meet with the proper resource people, as well as people within the industry, in order to come to a solution that meets the needs of Kahnawa'kehró:non.

"There are probably some manufacturers who have either achieved proper standards or are in the process of doing so," said Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr, "but it is our position that *all* workers have the right to work in a safe and healthy environment."

"This is the beginning of the implementation of Kahnawá:ke's regulatory framework."

No official timetable has been announced for implementation.

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