

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

CIGAR ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA,  
*et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG  
ADMINISTRATION, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 16-1460 (APM)

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

All Defendants hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from the Order issued on August 9, 2023, ECF No. 277, entering judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and vacating the Final Deeming Rule insofar as it applies to premium cigars, and from the Memorandum Opinions issued on July 5, 2022, and August 9, 2023, ECF Nos. 268, 276, which the District Court incorporated by reference as the basis for its judgment.

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