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Bryan Haynes, a partner in Troutman Pepper's Tobacco Practice Group, was quoted in the January 5, 2024 *Convenience Store News* article, "[Convenience Stores See Cigar Sales Moderate Following Pandemic Swings](#)."

"The premium cigar industry has a decision they think was correct in all respects; there is still reason for lots of optimism," said Bryan Haynes, a partner specializing in tobacco with the national law firm of Troutman Pepper. "As we sit here right now, the category is not under federal regulation and in fact, the FDA has acknowledged that."

Like most appeals, a decision will not come quickly. "The appeal will definitely go into next year. ... The industry has some freedom," he added.

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