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| ANNEX A  - Notification of proposed audit firm - |

*Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574, each manufacturer of tobacco products shall contract an independent third-party provider for the purpose of establishing a repository, which stores data relating to the tobacco products of the individual manufacturer (hereafter "primary repository"). The activities of the primary repository and its provider shall be monitored on an annual basis by an independent external auditor. The auditor shall be proposed and paid by the tobacco manufacturers.*

I, the undersigned [*insert name and surname*], being [*insert name of position held*] of [*insert company name*], (hereafter "the company"), located at [*insert full address*] and with the VAT identification number [*insert VAT number*], acting as a legal representative of the aforementioned company, hereby propose **the audit firm** indicated below to be responsible for the annual audits of the primary repository contracted by the company.

**Name of audit firm:** *[please insert]*

**Full address (legal seat):** *[please insert]*

**Legal representative(s) of audit firm:** *[please insert]*

**VAT identification number:** *[please insert]*

Place and date:

Signature: