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Health systems, medical products and innovation
Cross-border healthcare and tobacco control

EXPERT GROUP ON TOBACCO CONTROL MEETING OF THE SUBGROUP ON TRACEABILITY AND SECURITY FEATURES

- SUMMARY RECORD -

Date: 29 June 2022

Location: Hybrid meeting (video-conference & physical meeting at EC premises)

1. Welcome and introduction

The Chair welcomed the participants, reminded them about the basic rules as to participation in discussions via video-conference and introduced the meeting's agenda as well as its indicative timing. The Subgroup approved the agenda.

SANTE presented the latest system users' and supply chain coverage's statistics to the Subgroup. Then, they updated the Subgroup on the latest developments concerning the signature of the Joint Controllership Arrangement and its implementation. SANTE congratulated the Member States that signed the Arrangement, and invited the other Member States to sign the text in line with their data protection obligations as joint controllers.

The Subgroup was also updated on the latest developments concerning the project on the preparation of an expert study on the development and configuration of automatic alerts to be generated by the repositories system of the EU tobacco traceability system.

Finally, SANTE announced the new ID Issuer appointed by UK and clarified that this change that has an impact on the market of Northern Ireland, has been reflected in the relevant ID Issuers' tables that are published on the Commission website for the tobacco traceability system.

2. Discussion on the proposed revision of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574

SANTE explained the reasons for the proposed targeted revision of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574, the general procedure for the adoption of Implementing Acts and an indicative timeline for the adoption of the amending Implementing Regulation.

SANTE stressed that the version of the draft Implementing Regulation that was shared with the Member States before the meeting of the Subgroup, is still subject to the formal validation by other Commission services and as a result, certain provisions may change.

SANTE presented all the proposed amendments to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574 together with the relevant rationale for them. The Subgroup discussed the proposed amendments with SANTE and was also invited to submit their written remarks on the text of the draft Implementing Regulation after the meeting.

3. AOB including communication from the Member States

One Member State presented certain enforcement actions that were taken against tobacco companies at national level. SANTE stressed the importance of the enforcement activities for the proper functioning of the T&T system and the relevant exchange of views on these activities during the Subgroup meetings. The Subgroup discussed the case at hand.

4. Closing remarks

The Chair summarised the discussion on the proposed targeted revision of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574, thanked the participants for their active contribution to the meeting and looked forward to the next meeting in October 2022.

List of participants

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| Austria | Ministry of Finance - Tax and Customs Administration, Ministry of Health, Social Affairs, Care and Consumer Protection |
| Belgium | (Customs and Excise Administration and FPS Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment) |
| Bulgaria | The National Customs Agency |
| Croatia | (Customs Administration, AKD) |
| Cyprus | (Department of Customs and Excise) |
| Czech Republic | (Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority, State Printing Works of Securities) |
| Denmark | (Danish Safety Technology Authority, Danish Ministry of Health) |
| Estonia | (Tux and Customs Board) |
| Finland | (Customs department, National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health) |
| France | (Direction générale des douanes et droits indirects) |
| Germany | (Bundesdruckerei GmbH, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture) |
| Greece | (Independent Authority for Public Revenue, Ministry of Digital Governance, General Secretariat of Information Systems for Public Administration) |
| Hungary | (Supervisory Authority for Regulatory Affairs) |
| Iceland | (Ministry of Health) |
| Ireland | (Department of Health, Office of the Revenue Commissioners) |
| Italy | (Customs and Monopolies Agency) |
| Latvia | (State Revenue Service of the Republic of Latvia, Ministry of Health) |
| Lithuania | (State Tax Inspectorate under the Ministry of Finance) |
| Luxembourg | (Administration des douanes et accises, Direction de la Sante) |
| Malta | (Customs department) |

Netherlands (Customs Department, Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport)

Norway (Directorate of Health)

Poland (Ministry of Finance, Polish Security Printing Works, Revenue Administration Regional Office in Katowice)

Portugal (Tax and Customs Authority)

Romania (Customs Authority)

Slovakia (Datacentrum under the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic, Financial Directorate under the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic)

Slovenia (Financial Administration)

Spain (Agencia Tributaria. Ministerio de Hacienda y Administraciones Públicas, Comisionado para el Mercado de Tabacos, Ministerio de Hacienda y Administraciones Públicas, FNMT-RCM)

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