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2ND REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SYSTEMS OF TRACEABILITY AND SECURITY FEATURES FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Date: 15 February 2018

Meeting venue: Romanian Parliament, Bucharest

– SUMMARY RECORD –

On Thursday, 15 February, a regional workshop was organised to assist Member States and relevant stakeholders in the application of the secondary legislation on systems of traceability and security features for tobacco products. The workshop was divided into two parts: a closed session for Member States (AT, CZ, SK, PL, HU, LT and RO) and a public session for stakeholders with the presence of Member States. The public session was composed of three sub-session each of which was dedicated to a specific stakeholder group (manufacturers/importers, wholesalers/distributors, solution providers). Each Member State was given a maximum of ten seats that could be allocated to interested industry participants from its own country. Both sessions were chaired by DG SANTE.

Morning session with Member States:

DG SANTE gave a presentation to participants on the general operations of the future systems for traceability and security features, including an updated estimated timeline. Furthermore, the main responsibilities of Member States under the secondary legislation were outlined and discussed in the group. Topics discussed were: ID issuer (appointment and requirements), repositories system, general security aspects for data transfers within the traceability system, anti-tampering devices, vending machines (legal status and reporting obligation), access to information encoded in unique identifiers via scanners, security features (composition, verification and selection), independence requirements

imposed on solution providers and financial aspects of both systems. Member States also updated DG SANTE on the general progress made in their countries.

Afternoon session with industry stakeholders:

DG SANTE gave a presentation to all participants on the general operations of the future systems for traceability and security features, including and updated estimated timeline.

In the session dedicated to manufacturers/importers, the following topics were presented by DG SANTE: identifier codes, requirements for unique identifiers (unit and aggregated level), data carriers, primary repository system, recording/transmission of product movements and transaction information, time frame for transmission of information, security features (composition), and the financial aspects of both systems. Discussion points in the Q&A session on the application of the secondary legislation included: implementation timeline, impact assessment results, temporary absence of an ID issuer, deactivation of EO identifiers, appointment and replacement procedure for providers of repositories, data dictionary, acknowledgment messages, testing period of repository systems, and composition of security features.

In the session dedicated to wholesalers/distributors, the following topics were presented by DG SANTE: identifier codes, requirements for unique identifiers (unit and aggregated level), data carriers, recording/transmission of product movements and transaction information, and the time frame for transmission of information. Discussion points in the Q&A session on the application of the secondary legislation included: obligations for retail outlets, request for identifier codes, reporting on the return of products, reporting related to vending machines and deliveries with vending vans, legal status of vending machines, receipt of validation messages, reporting in the case of Cash & Carry activities, technical link between scanners and the repositories system, and composition requirements for security features.

In the session dedicated to solution providers, the following topics were presented by DG SANTE: ID issuer, anti-tampering devices, primary and secondary repositories (selection procedure, appointment, and technical requirements), security features and allowed types of authentication elements. Discussion points in the Q&A session on the application of the secondary legislation included: possible differences in lengths of unique identifiers depending on the generating ID issuer, selection of solution providers, independence

requirements, structure and content of acknowledgment messages, recall code and messages, composition of validation messages, selection procedure of the secondary repository.

STAKEHOLDERS

Country	Organisation
Austria	JTI Austria GmbH / Austria Tabak GmbH
Austria	Imperial Tobacco Austria
Austria	Philip Morris Austria GmbH
Austria	British American Tobacco
Austria	A&R Carton Graz GmbH
Austria	Association of tobacconists Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
Austria	GS1 Austria GmbH
Austria	tobaccoland Handels GmbH & Co KG
Austria	Mayr-Melnhof Packaging
Austria	Monopoly Company
Czech Republic	British American Tobacco
Czech Republic	JT International
Czech Republic	DanCzek Teplice
Czech Republic	ATOS Worldline
Hungary	JTI Hungary Zrt.
Hungary	ND National Tobacco Trade Nonprofit Company
Hungary	Philip Morris Hungary Ltd.
Hungary	Országos Dohányboltellátó Kft.
Hungary	Imperial Tobacco Hungary Ltd.
Hungary	BAT Hungary Ltd.
Hungary	Róna Tobacco Manufacturing Ltd.
Hungary	Continental Tobacco
Lithuania	Philip Morris Baltic
Lithuania	Honeywell
Lithuania	JTI

Lithuania	British American Tobacco
Poland	PM Poland
Poland	JTI Polska
Poland	Polska Izba Handlu
Poland	Polskie Stowarzyszenie Przemysłu Tytoniowego
Poland	PWPW
Poland	British American Tobacco (Polska)
Poland	Polish Chamber of Commerce
Poland	Imperial Brands PLC
Romania	BAT - British American Tobacco
Romania	JTI
Romania	Imperial Tobacco
Romania	China Tobacco
Romania	Luzan Logistic
Romania	Punctual Comimpex
Romania	Licurici SRL
Romania	AHCMMR
Slovakia	Philip Morris Slovakia s.r.o.

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

c	Institution
Austria	Ministry of Finance – Tax and Customs Administration
Austria	Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection
Czech Republic	Ministry of Agriculture
Czech Republic	Ministry of Finance

Hungary	Ministry for National Economy
Hungary	National Tax and Customs Administration
Lithuania	State Tax Inspectorate under Ministry of Finance of Lithuania
Poland	Ministry of Finance
Romania	Ministerul Finantelor Publice
Romania	Agentia Nationala de Administrare Fiscala
Romania	Directia Generala a Vamilor
Romania	Ministerul Sanatatii
Romania	Ministerul Economiei
Romania	Imprimeria Nationala
Slovakia	Ministry of Finance
Slovakia	Financial Directorate of the Slovak Republic
European Commission	DG SANTE