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## 1<sup>ST</sup> REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SYSTEMS OF TRACEABILITY AND SECURITY FEATURES FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS

**Date: 25 January 2018**

**Meeting venue: Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre**

### – SUMMARY RECORD –

On Thursday, 25 January, a regional workshop was organised in Stockholm 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 (DK, EE, IR, LV, SE and UK) and a public session for stakeholders. 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 the 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, anti-tampering devices, access to information encoded in unique identifiers via scanners, security features (composition and verification process), 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 country.

### **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 the 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: exports, implementation timeline, temporary absence of an ID issuer, appointment and replacement procedure for providers of repositories, data protection, and the interaction of the traceability system with EMCS.

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, vending machines and vending vans, source of costs and benefits calculation (incl. applied methodology), requirement to link aggregated level unique identifiers to unique identifiers at lower levels, reporting obligation in the case of stolen goods, and composition requirements for security features.

In the session dedicated to solution providers, the following topics were presented by DG SANTE: ID issuer (criteria), anti-tampering devices, primary and secondary repositories (selection procedure, appointment, 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: process to verify the authenticity of tobacco products via security features, meaning of the term "irremovably" in Art. 16 of the TPD, possible differences in lengths of unique identifiers depending on the generating ID issuer, composition of validation messages, selection procedure of the secondary repository, interoperability of all system components, and the use of open standards.

## STAKEHOLDERS

<b>Country</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Denmark	PMI – Philip Morris International Danmark
Denmark	TI – Tobaksindustrien
Denmark	JTI –Japan Tobacco International Denmark A/S
Denmark	Danish Chamber of Commerce – Dansk Erhverv
Denmark	House of Oliver Twist A/S
Denmark	Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S
Denmark	BAT- British American Tobacco
Denmark	Mac Baren Tobacco Company A/S
Estonia	JTI – Japan Tobacco International
Estonia	Imperial Brands
Estonia	PMI – Philip Morris International
Estonia	SANITEX
Estonia	BAT - British American Tobacco
Ireland	JTI – Japan Tobacco International
Ireland	Primeline
Ireland	CSNA
Ireland	M&P O'SULLIVAN
Ireland	Stonehouse Marketing Ltd.
Ireland	IMB – Imperial Brands
Ireland	PMI – Philip Morris International
Ireland	BAT - British American Tobacco
Latvia	PMI – Philip Morris International
Latvia	Honeywell
Latvia	BAT - British American Tobacco
Sweden	SMD Logistics
Sweden	Gotland Ssnus AB

Sweden	Swedish Match
Sweden	Skruf Snus AB
Sweden	PMI – Philip Morris International
Sweden	Tobaksfakta
Sweden	Psychologist against Tobacco
Sweden	Fiedler & Lundgren
Sweden	Teachers against Tobacco
Sweden	JTI – Japan Tobacco International
United Kingdom	JTI– Japan Tobacco International
United Kingdom	TMA
United Kingdom	ITPAC
United Kingdom	ITUK
United Kingdom	BAT - British American Tobacco
United Kingdom	PMI - Philip Morris International

## **PUBLIC AUTHORITIES**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Denmark	The Danish Safety Technology Authority
Denmark	The Danish Ministry of Taxation
Denmark	The Danish Ministry of Health
Denmark	SKAT
Estonia	Ministry of Social Affairs
Estonia	Estonian Tax And Customs Board
Ireland	Office of the Revenue Commissioners
Ireland	Department of Health
Latvia	State Revenue Service of the Republic of Latvia
Sweden	Public Health Agency Sweden

Sweden	Swedish Tax Agency
Sweden	Swedish Customs
United Kingdom	HM Revenue & Customs
Norway (observer)	Ministry of Health and Cares Services
European Commission	DG SANTE

