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4TH REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SYSTEMS OF TRACEABILITY AND SECURITY FEATURES FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Date: 19 April 2018

Meeting venue: ROMA EVENTI – FONTANA DI TREVI

Piazza della Pilotta, 4, 00187 Rome, Italy

– SUMMARY RECORD –

On Thursday, 19 April, 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 (BG, HR, CY, FI, GR, IT, MT, SI) and a public session for stakeholders with the presence of Member States. The public session was composed of three sub-sessions, 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: general timeline, ID issuer (timeline, appointment process, registration agencies and fees), unique identifiers (UIs) minimum and maximum length, UI delivery methods, duty free zones and security

features (composition, verification and selection). 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 an 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 and secondary 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, ID issuers, exports, UI delivery methods, UI prescribed format, basic queries to primary repositories and timeline for appointment of single secondary repository data storage contracts.

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: content and response time of acknowledgment messages, delivery via vending vans, aggregation of different product types, transloading and delivery of products to ships.

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: ID issuer appointment, criteria for selection procedure of the secondary repository, location of data storages, interoperability, notion of auditing, content and response time of acknowledgment messages, checks to be carried out before issuing acknowledgment messages.