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Directorate C - Public Health and Risk Assessment

**C6 - Health measures**

**7th Meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE established under  
Article 10 of the Tobacco Products Directive 2001/37/EC  
Summary record**

**Meeting dates: 10 December 2007, 10.00 – 17.00  
Berlaymont Building, meeting room Jean Monnet**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Commission (TE) welcomed the participants to discuss on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report on the implementation of the Tobacco Products Directive to EU.

Apologies were received from Czech Republic, Cyprus, Italy, Finland, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia and Slovenia.

DE criticized to have a meeting in English only and will expect translations into German. The Commission explained that translation was requested, but was not possible due of the short notice of the meeting.

**2. Adoption of the draft agenda**

The draft agenda was adopted.

**3. Declaration of interests**

No conflicts of interests according to Art 12.2 of the Rules of Procedures were signalled by the participants.

**4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Report on the application of the Tobacco Products Directive  
(2001/37/EC)**

The Commission (TPE) gave an overview on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report and the potential areas for changes in the Directive.

In general the Member States expressed their support to the contents of the Report. The Report will be re-discussed again during the next Regulatory Committee meeting in spring 2008. It is urgent and important that the SCENIHR report is received and as soon as possible are managed and discussed so it can be taken in consideration in the review of the Directive

## **5. State of play of tobacco products ingredients reporting**

The Commission (TPE) presented the state of play of using the harmonised reporting formats in the EU. The practical guide was published on 31 May 2007. The Commission received several comments from the tobacco industry (confidentiality issues, how to report quantities, how to report non-tobacco materials from multiple suppliers and trade secrets of non-tobacco materials). The Working Group on ingredients met on 9 October 2007 and discussed all comments received.

According to Member States different formats are still in use. In 2008 the situation is expected to improve as more Member States are going to use the new formats.

It is agreed that industry should use the new formats in order to get experience. In case there are difficulties on filling in the columns, explanations on the interpretation should be given in footnotes.

## **6. Pictorial warnings**

The Commission (TP) emphasised the importance of adopting the pictorial warnings.

The Commission (AJ) welcomed the fact that the group of Member States using pictorial warnings is growing and gave an overview of the work in the FCTC Article 11 Working Group meeting in Manila this autumn.

BE reported about the effectiveness of using pictorials since November 2006.

UK informed that their legislation will require pictorial warnings on all tobacco products. Production with pictorials will start from 1 October 2008. Transition period: 1 year for cigarettes and 2 years for other tobacco products. The pictorials that will be used have been selected i.a. on the basis of a web-based public vote.

BG informed about their public consultation on pictorial warnings. Voting on most effective pictorials was on the website.

## **7. New products**

Participants described their experience with various new types of tobacco and nicotine products.

The Commission (AM) reminded the aspects discussed during the Regulatory Committee meeting in April.

Member States agreed to share via e-mails information and experience on new products.

This agenda point is permanent. Member States are asked to report on new products at each committee meeting.

## **8. Any other business**

The Commission (AJ) informed about the publication of the report on the outcome of the Green Paper consultation on smoke-free environments and thanked those who contributed to the consultation. Report on the public consultation can be found on DG SANCO website: [http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_determinants/life\\_style/Tobacco/Documents/smoke\\_free\\_frep\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_determinants/life_style/Tobacco/Documents/smoke_free_frep_en.pdf)

## **9. Close of the meeting**

The Commission (TE) thanked the participants for a useful meeting and the active participation.

## **Annex I - Summary of conclusions**

- Member States expressed their strong support to a lot of the changes proposed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report. The Report will be re-discussed during the next Regulatory Committee meeting in spring 2008.
- Ingredients reporting in the EU on tobacco is scattered – different formats are still in use, slow uptake of new formats. In 2008 the situation is expected to improve as more Member States are going to use the new formats.
- Amendments in the formats will be introduced only after a sufficient trial period of new formats.
- Industry has no technical problems printing pictorial warnings on the package.
- Member States will share information and experience on new tobacco products.

## **Annex II – List of participants**

### **Committee members:**

Austria	(Ministry of Health, Family and Youth)
Belgium	(Ministry of Health)
Bulgaria	(Ministry of Health)
Denmark	(National Board of Health)
Estonia	(Ministry of Social Affairs)
France	(Direction général de la santé)
Germany	(Ministry of Nutrition, Agriculture and Consumer Protection)
Greece	(Tobacco Institute of Greece)
Hungary	(National Institute for Health Development)
Ireland	(Department of Health and Children)
Lithuania	(Ministry of Economy; Ministry of Health)
Malta	(Permanent Representation of Malta)
Netherlands	(RIVM)
Poland	(Ministry of Health)
Spain	(Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs)
Sweden	(National Institute of Public Health)
United Kingdom	(Department of Health)

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