

The Ministry of the Economy and Finance, through the Customs and Monopolies Agency (in accordance with Decree-Law No 95 of 6 July 2012, converted by means of Law No 135 of 7 August 2012, the Customs Agency merged with the Autonomous State Monopolies Administration with effect from 1 December 2012, taking the new name 'Customs and Monopolies Agency'), supervises the tobacco-products sector in order to monitor conformity by manufacturers with specific industry regulations concerning the labelling of packaging and product characteristics. More specifically, laboratory tests are systematically carried out on cigarettes to verify the accuracy of the information on the packaging concerning nicotine, tar and carbon-monoxide content, in accordance with the standard ISO 8243. For cigarettes with reduced ignition propensity (as referred to in Decision 2008/264/EC), proactive monitoring is required and is carried out in accordance with the standards EN ISO 12863/2010 and EN 16156/2010. The analyses are carried out on significant product samples collected from national tax warehouses. The sampling procedure is carried out in accordance with the above-mentioned standard ISO 8243.

SECTOR-SPECIFIC NATIONAL MARKET SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMMES (NMSP)

2013 Plan

Member State: ITALY

Market Surveillance Authority: Customs and Monopolies Agency

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Applicable EU legislation	Sector	Description of product or category	Monitoring type	Monitoring grounds	Monitoring activity	Priority	Period or start date	Development	Results or future initiatives	Contact person
Dec. 25 March 2008, No 2008/264/EC	Tobacco products	Cigarettes	Proactive – Controls within the national territory	Scheduled monitoring	Laboratory tests in accordance with standards EN ISO 12863/2010 and EN 16156/2010	High	1.1- 31.12		Verification of product conformity	Daniela De Angelis Tel. +39 0658572803, +39 0658572814 daniela.deangelis@aams.it