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Health systems and products
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SYSTEMS OF TRACEABILITY AND SECURITY FEATURES FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS

~ COUNTRY VISIT TO HUNGARY ~

Date: 28 November 2018

Meeting venue: Danubius Hotel Astoria, Budapest

– SUMMARY RECORD –

On 28 November, SANTE/B2 carried out a country visit to Hungary to discuss matters related to the fight against illicit trade in tobacco products, notably in the context of tobacco traceability. The agenda included two meetings in Budapest, both chaired by the Hungarian ID issuer ND Nonprofit Zrt. A meeting in the morning took place with representatives from ND Nonprofit Zrt., the National Tax and Customs Administration, and the State Secretary Office for Health at the Ministry of Human Capacities. A second meeting took place in the afternoon open also to Hungarian industry stakeholders (manufacturers/importers, wholesalers/distributors). The meetings aimed at assisting Hungarian authorities and stakeholders in the application of the secondary legislation on systems of traceability and security features for tobacco products.

Meeting with Hungarian authorities

The meeting was opened by an introductory speech of the Deputy State Secretary for Corporate Portfolio. Further presentations followed by the Hungarian authorities providing SANTE/B2 with an overview of the Hungarian legislative framework related to tobacco control and the fight against illicit trade of tobacco products. First, ND Nonprofit Zrt. presented its current and future activities as the Hungarian ID issuer. Second, the National Tax and Customs Administration, appointed as the National Administrator, outlined its work in relation to the fight against illicit trade. Lastly, the

State Secretary Office for Health provided a general overview of the Hungarian tobacco control framework, including on the work of the national focal point. SANTE/B2 then gave a presentation the overall structure of systems of traceability and security features. A discussion took place between SANTE/B2 and Hungarian representatives on the following subject matters related to tobacco traceability: ID issuer appointment, in particular the acquisition of a unique identification code (UIC) from the Registration Authority; unification of unique identifier codes in the EU; appointment and operations of the secondary repository; method and interpretation of identifier codes for economic operators, facilities and machines.

Meeting with industry stakeholders

SANTE/B2 gave a presentation on the overall structure of systems of traceability and security features, the estimated timeline for the technical rollout, as well as the main regulatory aspects for economic operators under the new secondary legislation. In the second part of the meeting, the following discussion points were addressed: appointment and operations of ID issuers; appointment of the secondary repository provider and timeline for publication of technical specifications; testing of the traceability system's different components; request for unique identifier codes, including ID issuer competences; request for identifier codes; recording and transmission of logistic and transactional information to the traceability system; general legal timeline.

Participants (public authorities):

- Unit B2, DG SANTE, European Commission
- ND Nonprofit Zrt.
- National Tax and Customs Administration
- State Secretary Office for Health at the Ministry of Human Capacities

Participants (stakeholders):

- British American Tobacco Hungary
- Continental Tobacco Corporation
- Imperial Brands
- JTI Hungary
- Philip Morris International – Philip Morris Magyarország Kft.
- Rónatabak Kft.