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Health systems and products
Cross-border healthcare and tobacco control

SYSTEMS OF TRACEABILITY AND SECURITY FEATURES FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS

~ COUNTRY VISIT TO SWEDEN~

Date: 29/11/2018

Meeting venue: Public Health Agency of Sweden, Stockholm

– SUMMARY RECORD –

On 29 November, SANTE/B2 carried out a country visit to Sweden. The agenda included two meetings in Sweden, both hosted by the Public Health Agency of Sweden. A meeting in the morning took place with representatives from the Public Health Agency of Sweden, the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, the Swedish Customs and the Swedish Tax Agency.

A second meeting took place in the afternoon and was open to the Swedish industry stakeholders (manufacturers/importers, wholesalers/distributors and solution providers). The Public Health Agency chaired both meetings. The meetings aimed at assisting the Swedish authorities and stakeholders in the application of the secondary legislation on systems of traceability and security features for tobacco products.

Meeting with the Swedish authorities

The Swedish authorities provided an overview of the national implementation of the systems for traceability and security features of tobacco products. SANTE/B2 gave a short presentation on the general structure of the systems and informed about SANTE's ongoing and future activities concerning this project.

Next SANTE/B2 and the Swedish authorities discussed the most pertinent questions related to the systems. The following topics were addressed: the ID issuer appointment and fees, offline flat files, access to the repositories system for Member States Authorities and tests of the complete system.

Meeting with the industry stakeholders

In the first part of the afternoon meeting, SANTE/B2 gave a presentation on the overall structure of the systems of tobacco traceability and security features, the timeline for the technical rollout, as well as the main regulatory aspects for economic operators under the new secondary legislation.

After the presentation, the following discussion points were addressed: reporting obligations, in particular for transport companies; aggregation/disaggregation of pallets; security features; testing and transitional period.

In the second part of the afternoon meeting, the Swedish Authorities also provided the industry stakeholders with a general overview of the national implementation.

Participants (public authorities):

SANTE/B2, European Commission

Public Health Agency of Sweden

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

Swedish Customs

The Swedish Tax Agency

Participants (stakeholders):

Axfood AB

British American Tobacco

GS1 Sweden

ICA Sverige AB

JTI Sweden AB

Martin & Amp Servera AB

Preem AB

SMD logistics AB

Svensk Dagligvaruhandel

Worldline SA

Swedish Match

Philip Morris.