



Expert subgroup on Ingredients

WEBINAR OF THE MEMBER STATE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON REPORTING/NOTIFICATION FORMAT

SUMMARY RECORD

Date: 12 October 2015

Place: Adobe Connect WEBINAR

Introduction

DG SANTE welcomed the participants and thanked them for joining the discussion through WEBINAR. This new meeting format should facilitate meeting on a more regular basis. After a short "tour de table", it was highlighted that the role of the working group is to provide input to the IT-related aspects of developing the reporting/notification format under the TPD and that the purpose is not to discuss the legality or the interpretation of the TPD.

It was suggested that the working group would meet once a month via WEBINAR.

DG SANTE informed MS that in the afternoon a second WEBINAR with both the tobacco industry and the e-cigarette industry would take place.

DG SANTE concluded that it has not received any comment from the MS on the summary record of the last meeting on 11 September and that it will therefore be published on the SANTE website. Furthermore, the same procedure will apply for this meeting and the draft summary record will be circulated to the participants.

Discussion – EU-CEG

Three presentations were given by SANTE to (1) provide an overview of the replies and feedback received from MS on the questions circulated after the previous meeting on 11 September, (2) provide an update on the progress related to business aspects and IT aspects of the suggested EU-CEG and (3) comment on other questions received since the first meeting. All MS which have not yet responded to these questions still have the possibility to send in their opinions. The questions will be re-circulated after this meeting together with the minutes. The bullet points below summarise the discussion on the main topics:

- **Access to EU-CEG in MS:** It was explained that the majority of the MS who replied to the questions circulated indicated that they would like to have access for one national entity for both reporting on tobacco and notification of e-cigarettes. A few MS had referred to the need for more than one access.
- **Security:** It was concluded that many MS do not have access to the STESTA network. SANTE promised to send some more information about STESTA. On the other hand, TESTA-ng, a new network solution currently being developed, could provide wider access and is now being considered as an alternative.
- **Access to the stored data and graphical user interface:** The SMS-Token is part of the ECAS authentication system which is the Commission's standard authentication for most of its applications. It was explained that each user will create an account providing information such as username, password and telephone number. In order to get authentication, the user will receive a temporary Token through SMS. Most participants seemed to agree to this solution, but a limited number indicated some concerns in relation to security or access to mobile phones. QlikView is the reporting application used by SANTE and the Commission IT services are exploring its linkage with the ECAS authentication. In response to a question from one of the participants, DG SANTE clarified that with their own QlickView, MS should be able to make their own reports based on their full dataset.

Data storage

SANTE presented a brief outline of what could be included in a service level agreement with those MS that will opt for storing the data in Commission facilities. It was concluded that most MS appear to be in favour of storing the data at Commission facilities and SANTE invited MS to confirm as soon as decisions are taken or if positions are changed.

Conclusions/Next Step

DG SANTE thanked MS for their input and reassured that the slides will be shared together with the minutes of the meeting in coming days/week. The questions from the first meeting will also be re-circulated together with some more information on the STESTA network. MS were also invited to suggest questions and discussion points for coming meetings. A new functional mailbox for IT specific issues has been created for communications relating to the EU-CEG. The next WEBINAR will take place in November (date tbc).

Annex I – List of Participants

Member States:

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