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## **Participation in planned inspection of tobacco manufacturing facilities, Trier, Germany**

**(JTI; Heintz van Landewyck)**

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On 6<sup>th</sup> April representatives of DG SANTE Unit B2, responsible for tobacco control, participated in the planned inspections of two tobacco manufacturing facilities, which were being undertaken by the German authorities (Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Food & Agriculture; Directorate General Customs; Customs Office Koblenz). The participation of DG SANTE representatives was at the invitation of the German authorities, who were responsible for all coordination of the visit, and was deemed to be strictly necessary in the context of implementation of Article 15 and 16 of the TPD. Representatives of DG TAXUD and OLAF were also present, as were representatives of the external contractor (Everis) providing technical input to DG SANTE in the form of an Implementation Study relating to Articles 15 & 16 of the Tobacco Products Directive (TPD).

The planned inspections took place at one large manufacturing facility (Japan Tobacco International) and one medium-sized facility (Heintz van Landewyck), both located in Trier, Germany.

The first inspection took place at the premises of JTI. A general introduction to the factory was provided by company representatives, followed by an explanation of the tracking and tracing practises currently employed by the company. Information on investigations into illicit trade and instances of contraband seizures previously carried out by it was also given. The production lines themselves were then inspected and technical information relating to production practises and machinery was provided by staff members. A short debrief with industry representatives was then held and inspection participants had the possibility to pose remaining questions relating to the inspection.

The second inspection took place at the premises of Heintz van Landewyck. A general introduction to the factory was provided and a description of its products and the company's current market share was given. Company representatives then outlined measures being taking to prepare for application of the new TPD rules on tracking and tracing in 2019. Following this, inspection participants were given a guided tour of the facilities, including of production lines, storage and dispatching areas. A final debrief was provided by company representatives.