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## **SYSTEMS OF TRACEABILITY AND SECURITY FEATURES FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS COUNTRY VISIT TO SPAIN**

**Date: 21 February 2018**

**Meeting venue: Spanish Customs Department, Madrid**

### **– SUMMARY RECORD –**

On 21 February, SANTE/B2 carried out a country visit to Spain. The agenda included two meetings in Madrid, both hosted by the Spanish Customs Department. The morning meeting took the form of a closed session for the Spanish officials from the relevant departments, including customs, market regulator, health and a representative of the Canary Islands. The afternoon meeting was open to the Spanish stakeholders (manufacturers/importers, wholesalers/distributors and solution providers). Both meetings were chaired by the representatives of the Spanish Customs Department and aimed at assisting the Spanish authorities and relevant stakeholders in the application of the secondary legislation on systems of traceability and security features for tobacco products.

#### **Morning meeting with the Spanish authorities**

The Spanish Customs Department provided an overview of the applicable international (the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and the FCTC Protocol on Illicit Trade) and EU law (the Tobacco Products Directive (TPD)), the involvement of the Spanish authorities in the legislative process so far as well as the final steps required for the full implementation of the systems of tobacco traceability and security features. The representatives of the market regulator gave a presentation of the Spanish regulatory system covering the supply chain in the mainland, including the status of local vendors ('estancos'). SANTE shortly presented the structure of the track and trace system and

provided a feedback from the first two regional workshops (organised in January and February 2018).

After the presentations, SANTE and the Spanish authorities discussed the most pertinent questions. Main topics were: status of the first retail outlet, exchange of information on the identity of ID Issuers in individual Member States, applicability of the customs suspensive procedure.

### **Afternoon session with industry stakeholders**

The Spanish Customs Department provided an overview of the Spanish involvement in the preparation of the legislation in question. SANTE gave a presentation on: structure of the track and trace system, latest estimates with respect to the timeline for technical roll-out, main regulatory aspects of both systems (for traceability and security features) and main activities foreseen for independent solution providers.

Discussion points in the Q&A part of the meeting included: reporting of logistic and transactional events, modalities of registration, incl. possibility of registration of retail outlets by third parties, status of the first retail outlet, status of subcontractors, structure of validation messages, interoperability, relationship between the TPD and the FCTC Protocol, time derogations specified in the secondary legislation.

## Stakeholders participating in the afternoon session

| Stakeholder                                   | Activity              |
|---|-----------------------|
| PHILIP MORRIS SPAIN S.L.                      | Manufacturer          |
| JT INTERNATIONAL IBERIA S.L.                  | Manufacturer          |
| ALTADIS                                       | Manufacturer          |
| TABACALERA SLU                                | Manufacturer          |
| BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO IBERIA               | Manufacturer          |
| LANDEWYCK TABACOS ESPAÑA                      | Manufacturer          |
| DOS SANTOS S.A.                               | Manufacturer          |
| ASOCIACION CANARIA DE INDUSTRIALES TABAQUEROS | Industry association  |
| MESA DEL TABACO - DELTA -                     | Industry association  |
| LOGISTA                                       | Distributor           |
| UNION DE ASOCIACIONES DE ESTANQUEROS          | Retailers association |
| REAL CASA DE LA MONEDA (FNMT)                 | Service provider      |
| SICPA SPAIN S.L.U.                            | Service provider      |
| AECOC / GS1 ESPAÑA                            | Service provider      |
| SGS   | Service provider      |
| HONEYWELL                                     | Service provider      |
| SCANDINAVIAN TOBACCO GROUP SPAIN, SAU         | Service provider      |
| IBERTABAC COMERCIAL SL                        | Distributor           |
| COMPAÑÍA CANARIENSE DE TABACOS                | Manufacturer          |