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SYSTEMS OF TRACEABILITY AND SECURITY FEATURES FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS

~ COUNTRY VISIT TO THE CZECH REPUBLIC ~

Date: 21 February 2018

Meeting venue: Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic

– SUMMARY RECORD –

On 21 February, SANTE/B2 carried out a country visit to the Czech Republic. The agenda included two meetings in Prague, both hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic. The morning meeting took the form of a closed session with Czech officials from the different departments involved in the traceability project. The afternoon meeting was open to Czech industry stakeholders (manufacturers/importers, wholesalers/distributors and solution providers). The Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic chaired both meetings. The aim of the meetings was it to assist Czech authorities and stakeholders in the application of the secondary legislation on systems of traceability and security features for tobacco products.

Morning meeting with the Czech authorities

The Czech authorities provided an overview of the relevant national laws, which transpose the Directive 2014/40/EU, with a particular focus on traceability and security features of tobacco products. SANTE/B2 was then briefed on the involvement of different Czech ministries and agencies in the legislative process, as well as the national planning and interaction with stakeholders regarding the establishment of systems for traceability and security features. SANTE/B2 presented the structure of the track and trace system and provided feedback from the two regional workshops that previously had taken place (organised in January and February 2018).

Following the presentations, SANTE/B2 and the Czech authorities discussed the most pertinent questions related to the legislation. Main topics were: appointment of ID issuer, access to and use of the repository system by national authorities, independence requirements, vending vans/vending machines, composition of security features, and enforcement activities.

Afternoon session with industry stakeholders

The Czech authorities provided an overview of the relevant national laws, which transpose the Directive 2014/40/EU, with a particular focus on traceability and security features of tobacco products. In this context, the use of the Czech tax stamp as the security feature was confirmed by the Czech authorities. SANTE/B2 then gave a presentation on the overall structure of systems for traceability and security features, the estimated timeline for the technical roll-out, main regulatory aspects of both systems, as well as the main activities foreseen for independent solution providers.

Discussion points in the Q&A part of the meeting included: transport companies, reporting of logistic and transactional events, registration of economic operators/machines/facilities, status of the first retail outlet, general timeline and entry into force of the secondary legislation, structure of validation messages, interoperability, and permitted data carriers.

Participants:

Morning session:

DG SANTE, European Commission
Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic
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Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic
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Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic
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Afternoon session:

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Czech Agriculture and Food Inspection Authority
Czech Association for Branded Products
Czech Confederation of Commerce and Tourism
DanCzek Teplice
European Commission
FM ČESKÁ, s.r.o.

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Travel Free, s.r.o.