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SYSTEMS OF TRACEABILITY AND SECURITY FEATURES FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS COUNTRY VISIT TO LATVIA

Date: 5 April 2018

Meeting venue: State Revenue Service, Riga

– SUMMARY RECORD –

On 5 April, SANTE/B2 carried out a country visit to Latvia. The agenda included two meetings in Riga, both hosted by the State Revenue Service of the Republic of Latvia. The first meeting took the form of a closed session for the Latvian officials from the relevant departments from the State Revenue Service. The second meeting was open to the Latvian stakeholders (manufacturers and wholesalers). Both meetings were chaired by the representatives of the State Revenue Service and aimed at assisting the Latvian authorities and relevant stakeholders in the application of the secondary legislation on systems of traceability and security features for tobacco products.

Closed meeting with the State Revenue Service

SANTE gave a presentation on the structure of the track and trace system. During and after the presentation SANTE and the State Revenue Service discussed a number of questions concerning the establishment and future functioning of the system. Main topics were: appointment of an ID Issuer, management of data in the repositories system and authorities' training needs.

Open session with industry stakeholders

SANTE gave a presentation on the structure of the track and trace system. In addition the following points were discussed: timeline for the main blocks of the system, modes of delivery of unique identifiers, preference for shorter unique identifiers and possible

alignment among future ID Issuers in this regard, rules of access to the data to be stored in the repositories and specificities of integrated distribution-retail entities.

SANTE informed that the detailed instructions for manufactures and importers on how to report the data storage contracts will be published on its webpage in due time.

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Stakeholders participating in the open session

Stakeholder	Activity
PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	Manufacturer
JT INTERNATIONAL	Manufacturer
BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO	Manufacturer
SANITEX	Distributor
GREIS LOGISTICS	Distributor
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOBACCO MANUFACTURERS	Manufacturers association