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

Date: 27 April 2018

Meeting venue: Ministry of Health, Bratislava

– SUMMARY RECORD –

On 27 April, SANTE/B2 carried out a country visit to Slovakia. The agenda included two meetings in Bratislava, both hosted by the Ministry of Health (MoH) of the Slovak Republic. The first meeting took the form of a closed session for the Slovak officials from the relevant departments from the Slovak Public Administration. The second meeting was open to the Slovak stakeholders (manufacturers and wholesalers). Both meetings were chaired by the representatives of the Slovak Public Administration and aimed at assisting the Slovak 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 Slovak Public Administration

MoH gave a presentation on the implementation of the TPD secondary legislation in Slovakia. SANTE gave a presentation on the general structure of the track and trace system. During and after the presentations a number of questions concerning the establishment and future functioning of the system were discussed. Main topics were: appointment of an ID Issuer, establishment of a connection to the repositories system, requirements for anti-tampering devices, correspondence table for data storage contracts and downloading of flat-files.

Open session with industry stakeholders

After the welcome by MoH, SANTE gave a presentation on the general 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, specificities of integrated distribution-retail entities, possible link between the UIs and the standardised SKUs such as EAN-13 (if reported in the EU-CEG system), potential adaptations by general logistic operators, process of requesting basic identifiers from the competent ID Issuer, function of the common data dictionary, reporting rules, incl. in case of theft, compliance costs and their distribution between manufacturers and other economic operators, possibility of multiple partial payments and/or partial invoices for the same delivery(ies).

SANTE informed that the detailed instructions for manufactures and importers on how to report the data storage contracts were published on its webpage.

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Stakeholders participating in the open session

Stakeholder	Activity
GGT	Distributor
1.day, s.r.o.	Distributor
BAT	Manufacturer
Becica	Distributor
BILLA	Distributor
CBA SK, a.s.	Distributor
CONTINENTAL TOBACCO SLOVAKIA	Manufacturer
COOP Jednota Slovensko	Distributor
COOP Jednotu Trnava sd	Distributor
COOP VOZ	Distributor
DanCzek Bratislava	Distributor
DL Lauko, s.r.o.	Distributor
FA-JO	Distributor
FAPO	Distributor

GECO	Distributor
GGT	Distributor
GIRTABO TRADING, s.r.o.	Distributor
GS1 Slovakia	Provider/NGO
HANDYMAN s.r.o.	Distributor
ITS	Manufacturer
JTI	Manufacturer
KON – RAD	Distributor
LABAS	Distributor
M+M Nitra	Distributor
Metro	Distributor
NITRAZDROJ	Distributor
NRSYS	Provider
OMV	Distributor
PMI	Manufacturer
ROVER	Distributor
SAMO	Distributor
SINTRA	Distributor
Slovnaft	Distributor
Smoker	Distributor
SZZV	Industry Association
T&T services	Provider
Tobacco Trading International	Distributor
VO a MO Ruža Malacky	Distributor
ZOSR	Industry Association