



INFORMATION SESSION FOR ALL THE APPROVED PROVIDERS OF THE PRIMARY REPOSITORIES

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1. Welcome and introduction

DG SANTE welcomed representatives of the approved providers of the primary repositories to the information session concerning the appointment of an operator of the secondary repository in the framework of the EU tracking and tracing system for tobacco products. The session was aimed at informing the providers as to preliminary intentions with respect to the selection process as well as at presenting Chapter V of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574.

2. Presentation

DG SANTE informed the participants about its preliminary intention to apply a restricted public procurement procedure, in the form of a concession for service. Additional details regarding the intended timeframe as well as the intention to focus on the price aspect were also indicated. DG SANTE made clear that the shared information was solely based "on intentions to act", as no formal decision in relation to the above mentioned aspects was taken at the time of the information session.

In the second part of the session, DG SANTE reviewed Articles 25, 27, 28, 29 and 30 of the Implementing Regulation and commented on the key requirements stipulated therein.

3. Discussion

During the presentation, the participants raised several questions. The following topics were addressed: the intended timeframe of the selection; the lack of a possibility to create a joint venture among the participants invited to the competitive process; the necessity for periodic reports; the validation of messages reported to the system; the recall mechanism for messages; the registry functions; the functionalities of the interfaces provided to the Commission and the competent authorities of the Member States; the auditing process; the responsibility for the provider of the secondary repository; the

structure and the mechanism of fees to be charged for the services of the secondary repository.

4. Conclusions

DG SANTE thanked the participants for their presence and asked for providing a list of contact person(s) for each company to which formal letter(s) and documentation concerning the appointment procedure should be addressed.

The meeting was closed.

List of participants

Atos Group
Dentsu Aegis
IBM United Kingdom
Movilizer/Honeywell
Zetes

Commission

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DG OLAF
DG TAXUD