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Health systems and products
Cross-border healthcare and tobacco control

SYSTEMS OF TRACEABILITY AND SECURITY FEATURES FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS

MEETING WITH EUROPEAN SHIP SUPPLIERS ORGANIZATION

Date: 18 September 2019

Meeting venue: OCEAN office, Brussels

– SUMMARY RECORD –

On 18 September 2019, SANTE met with representatives of the European Ship Suppliers Organization (OCEAN). The meeting took place at the initiative of OCEAN and concerned the EU traceability system for tobacco products.

OCEAN shared with SANTE operational experiences of the different national member organisations regarding the registration and reporting under the EU traceability system. The system is operational in the EU since 20 May 2019.

OCEAN representatives and SANTE discussed a number of regulatory questions in relation to the responsibilities of ship suppliers; notably, registration of economic operators and facilities, request of unique identifiers, self-generation of unique identifiers, reporting of product movements and financial transactions.

OCEAN pointed to the special role that ship suppliers have in the trade of products, which sometimes could make it challenging to implement the requirements accordingly. SANTE explained that the Tobacco Products Directive 2014/40/EU, which provides for the establishment of the traceability system, sets out that the rules on traceability apply to all economic operators involved in the trade of tobacco products. In this context, SANTE also noted that the Expert Subgroup on Traceability and Security Features had discussed

the reporting of movements to cruise ships and commercial vessels on several occasions. Conclusions of these discussions will form part of the publicly available summary record of the Meeting of the Subgroup of 5 September 2019.

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