EU SYSTEM OF TOBACCO TRACEABILITY
REPORTING OF PRODUCT MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRIBUTION CHAIN

AGGREGATION
Message 3.2 (EPA) relates an upUI to subordinate upUIs or upUIs at one level below.

DISPATCH
Message 3.3 (EDP) is necessary for the consignment to lawfully leave the facility.

TRANS-LOADING
Message 3.5 (ETL) is necessary for the consignment to lawfully change the means of transport, e.g. from truck A to truck B, in between dispatch and arrival.

ARRIVAL
Message 3.4 (ERP) is necessary for the consignment to lawfully enter its destination facility (except for the retail outlets).

DISAGGREGATION
Message 3.6 (EUD) is necessary whenever a self-generated aUI may be re-used for another aggregation.

GENERAL RULES
1. Information on product movements must be transmitted in a chronological and sequential order. For example, an aggregation preceding a dispatch needs to be correctly transmitted ahead of the dispatch message.
2. Information concerning a given event is deemed to have been transmitted correctly upon its positive acknowledgement by the repositories system; without receipt of a positive acknowledgement a reporting obligation cannot be assumed to be discharged;
3. UIs must be captured at the highest level of available aggregation during dispatch, trans-loading or arrival;
4. Recording of aggregated packaging requires that the packaging is physically marked with an aUI, i.e. the regulatory framework does not permit “virtual” marking;
5. Each aggregation and disaggregation message requires an EOID and a FID, which means that these operations have to take place at a facility.

GLOSSARY
upUI – unit packet level unique identifier, which must be issued by a competent ID issuer; aUI – aggregated level unique identifier, which is self-generated in line with the applicable ISO standards or issued by a competent ID issuer; EPA, EDP, ETL, ERP, EUD – message abbreviations as used in the technical specifications published by the operator of the secondary repository; EOID – economic operator identifier code; FID – facility identifier code.

More information: https://ec.europa.eu/health/tobacco/tracking_tracing_system_en