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The Secretary General

Brussels, 30 May 2012
SG

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Mr Fredrik Peyron
General Counsel
Swedish Match AB
Box 7179
103 88 Stockholm

Dear Mr Peyron

Thank you for your letter of 14 May which reached me on 21 May.

I have referred this matter to OLAF, the European Anti-fraud office. They will investigate the issues raised in the attachment to your letter and will contact you on the follow up. Given the contents of the attachment to your letter I would ask you to respect strict confidentiality on all aspects of this matter to avoid compromising the integrity of any investigation.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Day

DAY Catherine (SG)

From: TESTORI COGGI Paola (SANCO)
Sent: 07 September 2012 22:55
To: DAY Catherine (SG); ROMERO REQUENA Luis (SJ)
Cc: SEYCHELL Martin (SANCO); SCHNICHELS Dominik (SANCO); SERVOZ Michel (SG); GAUTRAIS Bruno (SANCO); VALLETTA Marco (SANCO); SLEATH William (SG)
Subject: Tobacco Products Directive
Attachments: 20120907_Legal Text_master_version24_clean.doc; ATT00001.htm; 20120907_COMPARE VERSION_changes introduced afetr meeting of 4 September.doc; ATT00002.htm

Dear Catherine and Luis,

following our constructive meeting, we have worked on a new text along the lines of our agreement.

I attach a clean and track changed version.

In a nutshell we have done the following:

1. Chewing and nasal tobacco is no longer banned, but only subject to labelling and ingredients regulation. For novel products we introduced a notification system, which is even lighter than an authorisation mechanism.
2. The sections on tobacco vending machines and display limitations at point of sale are deleted.
3. The notification system of the cross border internet sales is maintained (*nota bene*: the current solution is essentially based on a proposal from the LS, the still open issue is not the legal basis, but whether MS are entitled to maintain or introduce a complete ban cross border internet sales, which is already established practice in 9 MS).
4. Full standardisation (= plain packaging) as an option in the Directive is deleted, but a recital clarifies that Member States can adopt this approach, given that we agreed that non-harmonised areas would be outside the scope of the Directive.
5. The procedure for establishing characterising flavours was simplified whilst maintaining the possibility of a common EU approach.
6. On nicotine containing products the need to ensure a level playing field for pharmaceuticals and products with high nicotine dose was confirmed. For products with low nicotine content a labelling provision was introduced to facilitate consumer choice/information.

In conclusion I trust the new text reflects our agreement and I hope we could agree to launch the interservice consultation soon.

Paola

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From: TESTORI COGGI Paola (SANCO)
Sent: 27 September 2012 19:34
To: DAY Catherine (SG)
Subject: RE: Tobacco Products directive

Catherine ,
Sorry if I did not answer before
If you really prefer 19 dec it is ok for me, but it is important that is really adopted before
Christmas holiday
So I will tell this to my cabinet
Paola

From: DAY Catherine (SG)
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 2:56 PM
To: TESTORI COGGI Paola (SANCO)
Subject: RE: Tobacco Products directive

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Sent: 23 September 2012 18:27
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Catherine,

I take note of your request however

i have to tell you that our timing horizon is much closer; in fact our idea was to launch CIS already next week, as we would like to have the proposal adopted well before the end of the year so that Irish Presidency can make progress on it (it is one of their priority).

We have now been delayed by quite difficult discussions with LS (not always ready at desk level to take on board our political agreement) but we are confident to be able to conclude end of next week.

To wait until after European Council implies another 3 weeks delay , which will bring final adoption to be very late; maybe we can find a way to be quicker after CIS ?

We can surely discuss it, in the meantime I will also speak with my Cabinet and come back to you

Thanks

paola

Paola Testori Coggi
Envoyé de mon iPhone

Le 23 sept. 2012 à 12:10, "DAY Catherine (SG)" <Catherine.Day@ec.europa.eu> a écrit :

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