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**Subject:** Directive 2012/9

**From:** SCHNICHELs Dominik (SANCO)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2013 7:23 PM  
**To:** 'Crijnen, Marcel'  
**Subject:** RE: Directive 2012/9

Dear Mr Crijnen,

The formal decision has not yet been taken, but its adoption is under preparation. Thus, the deadline to transpose Directive 2012/9 will be extended.

Kind regards

Dominik Schnichels

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**From:** Crijnen, Marcel [<mailto:M.Crijnen@sigaar.nl>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2013 9:11 AM  
**To:** SCHNICHELs Dominik (SANCO)  
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Dear Mr Schnichels,

Earlier this week the summary record of the 15th meeting (26 February 2013) of the Regulatory committee for tobacco control was published on the DG SANCO website. Among others the following is being noted: "The Commission also informed Member States about the plans to amend Commission Directive 2012/9 to extend the deadlines for transposition and the end of the transitional period".

Directive 2012/9 requires that Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 28 March 2014 at the latest. Member States may decide to allow the continuation of marketing of products not complying with the provisions of this Directive until 28 March 2016.

As cigars are relatively 'slow moving products', our member companies are already preparing themselves in order to be able to start with the new warnings a.s.a.p. after 28 March 2014. Would you, in that context, be able to inform me whether a possible decision on the extension of these deadlines has been taken in the mean time?

With best regards,

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Secretary General

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