
From: Patrik Hildingsson [<mailto:chairman@estoc.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 9:53 AM
To: GREMMINGER Michael (SG)
Subject: Re: Revision of Tobacco Products Directive; Meeting request

Dear Mr Gremminger,

thank you for your rapid response. I would very much like to discuss the Commissions smart regulation agenda and the way stakeholders can engage in it. Thus, I would welcome an opportunity to meet with you in the near future.

Kind regards

Patrik Hildingsson

On Mon, Jun 18, 2012 at 6:43 PM, <Michael.Gremminger@ec.europa.eu> wrote:
Dear Mr. Hildingsson,

Thank you for your email requesting a meeting to discuss an ongoing review of the Tobacco Products Directive.

In view of the need to ensure the objectivity and independence of the Impact Assessment Board and its secretariat, I am afraid that I cannot discuss with stakeholders any substantive issues that relate to an impact assessment which is still in preparation. I would encourage you to direct your substantive comments to the lead service, DG SANCO, if you have not already done so. Should you wish to discuss generally the Commission's smart regulation agenda and the way stakeholders can engage in it I am of course happy to meet you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Gremminger

From: Patrik Hildingsson [<mailto:chairman@estoc.org>]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 1:56 PM
To: GREMMINGER Michael (SG)

Subject: Revision of Tobacco Products Directive; Meeting request

Dear Mr. Gremminger ,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the chairman of ESTOC – the European Smokeless Tobacco Council. ESTOC is a trade association comprised of European companies manufacturing smokeless tobacco including oral tobacco, a traditional product category banned from sale (with the exception of Sweden) in the EU under the current Tobacco Products Directive.

In view of the upcoming revision of the Tobacco Products Directive, I would like to ask you for a meeting in the near future to share our organization's view on areas which are central in the impact assessment and thus should be included and assessed accordingly. It is with increasing concern we read in media about the Commissions review of the outcome of this revision even before industry consultations has taken place.

I will take the liberty of contacting your office in the near future to ascertain if a meeting indeed would be possible.

Sincerely yours,

Patrik Hildingsson
Chairman
European Smokeless Tobacco Council (ESTOC)
Cell: +32 479 76 81 94