



Meeting with tobacco industry

Meeting date and place

Meeting held on 13/11/2017 15:00

Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)

Ms PELSERS Christa	-- British American Tobacco (TRN: 2427500988-58)	Participant,
Ms DARGE Nathalie	-- Confederation of European Community Cigarette Manufacturers (TRN: 1496873833-97)	Participant,
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Mr DOMS Kristof	Vice President Fiscal Affairs, International Trade and ITP - Philip Morris International Inc. (TRN: 51925911965-76)	Participant,

Main issues discussed

The objective of the meeting was to discuss progress in the FTA negotiations on rules of origin with Mercosur and Mexico for tobacco products.

Most of the companies supported the rule of origin based on 10% of originating tobacco as a horizontal rule for all EU FTAs that ensures consistency and possibility to source tobacco globally.

The Commission presented the state of play of the negotiations on rules of origin. Both Mercosur and Mexico tabled more restrictive rules for cigarettes than the EU. Mercosur is the third biggest producer of tobacco in the world, and the biggest supplier of tobacco to the EU. Mexico also produces some quantities of tobacco, and supports use of originating tobacco in the manufacturing of cigarettes. The industry provided some additional information about production of tobacco and production of cigarettes about the quantities imported from MERCOSUR in the manufacturing of European cigarettes.

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