



Meeting with tobacco industry

Meeting date and place

Meeting held on 13/11/2017 15:00

Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)

Art. 4.1b	-- British American Tobacco (TRN: 2427500988-58)	Participant,
Art. 4.1b	-- Confederation of European Community Cigarette Manufacturers (TRN: 1496873833-97)	Participant,
Art. 4.1b	Art. 4.1b Brussels Office - Imperial Brands PLC (TRN: 62460931291-40)	Participant,
Art. 4.1b	-- Imperial Brands PLC (TRN: 62460931291-40)	Participant,
Art. 4.1b	-- Imperial Brands PLC (TRN: 62460931291-40)	Participant,
Mr ULLE Geir	International Trade Director - JT International (TRN: 71175716023-03)	Participant,
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 [redacted] for tobacco products. [Out of the scope of the request]

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. [Out of the scope of the request]

The Commission presented the state of play of the negotiations on rules of origin. Both Mercosur and [redacted] tabled more restrictive rules for cigarettes that the EU. Mercosur is the third biggest producer of tobacco in the world, and the biggest supplier of tobacco to the EU. [redacted] [Out of the scope of the request]. 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.

Directorate or unit

TRADE F/3

Internal participants

	TRADE F/3	()	,
Art. 4.1b	AGRI A/1	[redacted]@ec.europa.eu	Participant,
Art. 4.1b	GROW D3	([redacted]@ec.europa.eu)	Participant,
Art. 4.1b	TAXUD E/5	[redacted]@ec.europa.eu	Participant,
Art. 4.1b	TRADE F/3/001	[redacted]@ec.europa.eu	Notetaker,

Author(s) of minutes

Art. 4.1b

Validator and validation date

Art. 4.1b