Dear [Name],

Thank you for your common letter of 9 April 2019, in which you shared your concerns relating to the status of ID issuers.

As you are surely aware, the Commission has taken all possible actions to allow for the timely launch of the EU system of tobacco traceability, including the adoption of Commission Decision (EU) 2019/691, which authorises the economic operators to use the services of another appointed ID issuer in the temporary absence of the competent entity. The modalities of this Decision were presented during the technical briefing of 6 May 2019.

In this context, please note that it is for each competent national authority to determine the absence of a relevant ID issuer. For the time being, the Commission has been notified of the absence of the ID issuer in only one Member State, i.e. Romania. At the same time, as you may be aware, several Member States have started, or are in the process of starting, to take actions concerning the requests for unique identifiers that the economic operators submitted to non-competent ID issuers.

Kind regards,

[Signature]

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Please find attached a joint letter from CECCM / PMI regarding recent developments relating to Article 15 of the EUTPD.

Kind regards,

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