



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Office of the First Vice-President Mr Frans Timmermans
Member of Cabinet

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Dear Mr van der Mark,

Mr Ben Smulders, Head of Cabinet of First Vice-President Timmermans, would like to thank you for your letter of 2 October 2017 and the attached detailed position paper raising your concerns regarding the development of Implementing and Delegated Acts of the Tobacco Products Directive's (2014/40/EU) Articles 15 and 16 on tracking and tracing of tobacco products.

We have taken note of its content with attention.

Mr Smulders asked me to inform you that your letter has been transmitted to the Member of the Commission responsible for Health and Food Safety, Mr Vytenis Andriukaitis (email: [redacted]@ec.europa.eu). Mr Andriukaitis is looking into the points you have raised and will respond to you rapidly.

Yours sincerely,



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