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From: NEAR ACCDOC

Sent: jeudi 20 décembre 2018 15:15

To: NEAR R2

Subject: FW: request for a meeting - tobacco excise in Kosovo

**From:** CHARALAMBOUS Kyriacos (CAB-HAHN) **Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2018 3:23 PM

**To:** HERKA Joanna (CAB-HAHN)

Subject: FW: request for a meeting - tobacco excise in Kosovo

From: (NEAR)

**Sent:** Monday, October 01, 2018 12:41 PM

To: CHARALAMBOUS Kyriacos (CAB-HAHN)

Cc: (NEAR);

(NEAR)

Subject: RE: request for a meeting - tobacco excise in Kosovo

From: CHARALAMBOUS Kyriacos (CAB-HAHN) Sent: Monday, October 1, 2018 11:36 AM

To: (NEAR)

Cc: (NEAR) (NEAR)

(NEAR)

Subject: RE: request for a meeting - tobacco excise in Kosovo

Thanks ,

Had a rather short meeting in which they expressed their concerns about the proposal. I confirmed that it is on our radar and that colleagues are looking into it but underlined that our relationship if governed by SAA and we can only act if there is a breach.

They will contact you for a meeting> Kyriacos

From: (NEAR)

Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 3:47 PM

To: (CAB-HAHN)

Cc: (NEAR); (NEAR);

(NEAR)

Subject: RE: request for a meeting - tobacco excise in Kosovo

Kyriacos, between leave, missions and meetings, none of us are available on Monday morning.

Here is the briefing as you suggested.

Out of scope

Here is, as you asked. Indeed KO is planning legislation. I will raise it with the Ambassador at my meeting on Friday with him. EUO has also raised concerns on, the draft legislation as it might be in breach of the SAA.

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Let me know if you need further information and how the meeting goes.

## Regards

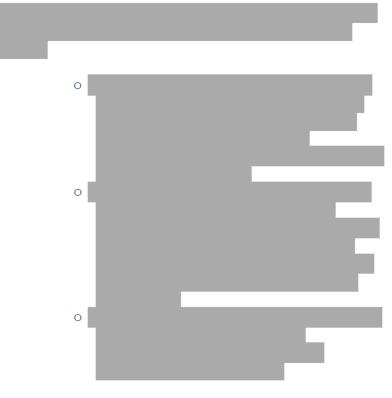
## STATE OF PLAY

 GoK adopted a positive opinion and will now planning on proceed with the draft Law proposal in the Assembly.

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## EU key concerns/actions



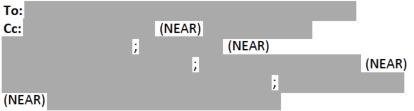
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## **BACKGROUND**



From: CHARALAMBOUS Kyriacos (CAB-HAHN) Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 2:33 PM



Subject: RE: request for a meeting - tobacco excise in Kosovo

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Thanks for your replies. I would like a short briefing by Monday 10:00. If someone is available to join please let me know.	
From: Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 5:43 PM To: CHARALAMBOUS Kyriacos (CAB-HAHN) Cc: (NEAR); (NEAR); (NEAR); (NEAR) Subject: Re: request for a meeting - tobacco excise in Kosovo	Personal data
I'm not available.	
On 25 Sep 2018, at 17:01, CHARALAMBOUS Kyriacos (CAB-HAHN) <a href="mailto:Kyriacos.CHARALAMBOUS@ec.europa.eu">Kyriacos.CHARALAMBOUS@ec.europa.eu</a> > wrote:  Thanks for confirming your availability for Monday morning.	
From: (NEAR) Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 2:55 PM To: CHARALAMBOUS Kyriacos (CAB-HAHN); (NEAR) Cc: (NEAR); (NEAR) Subject: Re: request for a meeting - tobacco excise in Kosovo	Personal data
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De: CHARALAMBOUS Kyriacos (CAB-HAHN) Envoyé: mardi 25 septembre 2018 14:47

À: (NEAR)

Cc: (NEAR);

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(NEAR); (NEAR)

Objet: RE: request for a meeting - tobacco excise in

Kosovo

Thanks,

, are you available on Monday morning? we can

hear their concerns.

**Kyriacos** 

From: (NEAR)

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 2:46 PM **To:** CHARALAMBOUS Kyriacos (CAB-HAHN)

Cc: (NEAR);

(NEAR); (NEAR)

Subject: Re: request for a meeting - tobacco excise in

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On 25 Sep 2018, at 14:40, CHARALAMBOUS Kyriacos (CAB-HAHN)

<Kyriacos.CHARALAMBOUS@ec.europa.eu> wrote:

If I set up a meeting for next week (Monday or Wednesday) will someone from the Unit be able to brief me in advance and join me for the meeting? K

From:

Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018

2:00 PM

To: CHARALAMBOUS Kyriacos (CAB-

HAHN)

**Subject:** request for a meeting - tobacco excise in Kosovo

Dear Kyriakos,

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Please see below the email from my colleagues dealing with excise, setting out a very important issue for the EU industry. Would it be possible to organise a meeting for my colleagues to explain the details? Rather urgent given the timing of the proposal...
Many thanks,

British American Tobacco Representation Brussels Rue d'Arlon 80 B - 1040 Brussels Belgium

Tel: GSM:

From:

Sent: 21 September 2018 14:52

To:

Cc:

Subject: Note on KOSOVO

Dear

The issue is as follows:

A draft initiative on tobacco excise is under discussion by the Government of Kosovo.

The Government proposal contains recommendations to support to the domestic tobacco industry by introducing a new tax structure for tobacco products produced in Kosovo.

This would be the result:

- ? domestic producers of tobacco products would pay only ad valorem excise at the level of 30% of the retail price;
- ? importers pay full specific excise of €45 per thousand

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cigarettes (this is half of the EU minimum rate)

This proposal raises several concerns given the discriminatory treatment of the players in the market, creating an unstable business environment, which is also against of the EU law. In addition, this would also negatively impact EU, given the high potential of illicit trade of these products.

We understand that it seems that there is an intention to fast track this law (approval foreseen for beginning of October),

Thanks a lot

Best

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