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**Sent:** vendredi 15 novembre 2019 16:24  
**To:** [REDACTED] (TAXUD)  
**Cc:** TAXUD EMCS; [REDACTED] (TAXUD)  
**Subject:** RE: Excise Contact Group: Intervention on Raw Tobacco  
**Attachments:** TE presentation on Raw tobacco\_15.11.2019.pdf; TE presentation on Raw tobacco\_15.11.2019.pptx

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Dear [REDACTED], dear all,

Please find enclosed Tobacco Europe's presentation (in both pdf & PPT) ahead of the Excise Contact Group, as agreed.

Best, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 13 November 2019 14:57  
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**Subject:** RE: Excise Contact Group: Intervention on Raw Tobacco

Dear [REDACTED], dear all,

As convened, please find attached Tobacco Europe's views on solving the issues related to raw tobacco which will serve as a basis for our presentation during the Excise Contact Group on 22 November.

We will send you the slides shortly.

Please note that we are also intending to share this document with Member States, for your information.

Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

All the best,  
 Nathalie



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**From:** [REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu <[REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 November 2019 18:10  
**To:** [REDACTED]@tobacco-europe.eu>  
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**Subject:** RE: Excise Contact Group: Intervention on Raw Tobacco

Ok, please send your presentation to our secretariat in advance of the meeting. Best regards, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@tobacco-europe.eu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 07, 2019 2:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (TAXUD)  
**Cc:** TAXUD EMCS; [REDACTED] (TAXUD)  
**Subject:** RE: Excise Contact Group: Intervention on Raw Tobacco

Dear [REDACTED],

Many thanks for your feedback.

Last year, CECCM presentation at the Excise Contact Group focused mainly on the problem caused by the diverging interpretation of the smoking tobacco, including Eko-Tabak judgement.

Since then, we spent some time looking at possible ways to ensure EU-wide consistency in the classification of smoking tobacco that would bring the legal certainty to both EU and Member States' authorities and the economic operators. We also discussed the issue of raw tobacco for illegal manufacturing and we would like to present at the upcoming ECG our findings as an input for further discussions between the excise policy makers. We would provide our presentation in advance of the ECG meeting according to the established practice.

Please let us know if you have any more questions.

Best,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu> <[REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu>  
**Sent:** Monday, 4 November 2019 16:54  
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**Subject:** RE: Excise Contact Group: Intervention on Raw Tobacco

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your message.

There is no problem for this Contact Group meeting to have an additional representative from your side. Please inform our secretariat about the name and job title of this person.

As for your suggestion to have a point in the agenda on Eko-Tabak, I remember that there was already a presentation by CECCM on this issue at the previous ECG. We would like to understand what are the new elements of information that you would like to raise. We are not available for a meeting on the dates you suggest, so we would propose that you send us a draft presentation in advance.

Best regards,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@tobacco-europe.eu>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 4, 2019 4:39 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Excise Contact Group: Intervention on Raw Tobacco

Dear Sirs,

I refer to my mail below: could you please confirm the possibility for Tobacco Europe to intervene at the upcoming Excise Contact Group (22 November) on the issue of raw tobacco? Also, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you before the ECG to further discuss our views and possible solutions regarding the diverging interpretation of the Eko-Tabak judgement in some Member States.

Many thanks in advance,

Best, [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 October 2019 10:39

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**Subject:** Excise Contact Group: Intervention on Raw Tobacco

Dear [REDACTED]

In the framework of the upcoming Excise Contact Group due to be held on 22 November, we would like to check the possibility to intervene and share our views on the item 4 of the draft agenda related to raw tobacco.

In a nutshell, we would like to discuss possible solutions to find a more harmonized approach regarding the ongoing diverging interpretation of the Eko-Tabak judgement in some Member States. In this context, we would welcome a meeting with your unit prior to the ECG in the near future to further explain our position and exchange views on these possible solutions.

Therefore, may I suggest a meeting beginning of November on either 12 November or 13 November, depending on your availability?

Last but not least, would it be possible to get an additional seat for the Excise Contact Group?

We thank you in advance for the consideration you will give to this request.

All the best, [REDACTED]



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