

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 April 2019 10:58
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: SANTE B2 TOBACCO CONTROL; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Art. 15-16 TPD

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 8 March 2019, in which you share your remarks concerning the roll-out of the EU system of tobacco traceability.

Regarding the deployment of the repositories system, as you know, the full technical documentation was made available in time and the necessary tests are currently ongoing. As in any project of a similar scale, there are a number of smaller development issues that need to be successively resolved. We believe that the Commission and Member States correctly steer the implementation process, in particular with the guidance provided by the Expert Subgroup on tobacco traceability and security features.

Regarding your questions on the ID issuers' readiness, you must have surely noted that the Commission acts in a highly transparent manner and documents the progress achieved in this regard by individual Member States in the publicly available reports from the regular meetings of the Expert Subgroup.

The next meeting of the Expert Subgroup will take place in the coming days. Based on the information gathered during that meeting, we will be considering eventual further steps. Please rest assured that we will do our utmost to assist Member States in their remaining tasks.

At the same time, we must underline that the co-legislators decided to include the deadline for the launch of the tobacco traceability system in the Tobacco Products Directive itself. Therefore, the Commission has no legal possibility to delay the launch date. In this context, we are sure that your company, as a professional operator, is fully aware of Article 37 of the Implementing Regulation and how it provides for a certain margin of security in terms of the continuity of supplies to the consumers.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 5:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: SANTE B2 TOBACCO CONTROL; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Art. 15-16 TPD

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find enclosed an electronic copy of a letter which was sent today by regular mail to your attention.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you need anything further.

With best wishes,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2019 15:54
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: SANTE-B2-TOBACCO-CONTROL@ec.europa.eu
Subject: RE: Art. 15-16 TPD

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 26 November 2018, in which you informed us as regards the preparations undertaken by your company in the context of the EU systems of tobacco traceability and security features.

As you may know, on 21 December 2018, the Commission appointed [REDACTED] as a provider to operate the secondary repository. It is an important development for the establishing of the EU traceability system. The provider is now tasked with delivering a list of specifications and a common data dictionary that shall be made available to providers operating primary repositories, ID issuers and economic operators no later than 21 February 2019.

At the same time, the Commission continues to assist the Member States in their implementation efforts via even more frequent meetings of the Subgroup on tobacco

traceability and security features. We also intend to facilitate the technical dialogue among the authorities and the IT providers.

In our discussions with the Member States, we strongly underline the importance of timely appointment of the ID Issuers. This topic is and will continue to be closely monitored. We trust that the first ID Issuers will help in setting up the practical aspects of registering economic operators, facilities and machines as well as provide the exact structures of unique identifiers that will serve as a reference point for any subsequently appointed ID Issuers.

As regards your comments on the Issuing Agency Code (IAC), I would like to refer you to the minutes of the Subgroup meeting of 13 June 2018 (see: https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/tobacco/docs/ev_20180613_sr_en.pdf), where the Commission and the Member States discussed all the available options of equipping the ID Issuers with necessary IACs.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 6:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Art. 15-16 TPD

Dear [REDACTED]

As last month, please find enclosed an advance electronic copy of a letter which my colleague [REDACTED] addressed to you this morning by regular mail. Should you have any questions related thereto, please don't hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 October 2018 17:17
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Art. 15-16 TPD

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter and explanations regarding your company's preparations to report under the EU system of tobacco traceability in line with the applicable regulations.

You will be surely interested to learn that today the Commission published the list of the approved providers of the primary repositories as required under paragraph 8 of Part A of Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574. The list is available at: https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/tobacco/docs/primaryrepositories_approvedproviders_en.pdf.

In next step, the Commission will follow with the procedure for the selection of an operator of the secondary repository as established under Part B of Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574.

In parallel, we will continue with our regular contacts with Member States concerning the timely appointment of ID Issuers and other relevant issues. However, in this context, I would like to draw your attention that the deadline of 20 March 2019, as stipulated in Article 31 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574, relates to the testing of the repositories system, not of the entire system of tobacco traceability. This being said, we obviously agree that it would be beneficial to see as many ID Issuers having been appointed by the same date.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 12:22 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Art. 15-16 TPD

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find enclosed an advance electronic copy of a letter which my colleague [REDACTED] addressed to you this morning by regular mail.

Should you have any questions related thereto, please don't hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes,

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From: [REDACTED]
[mailto: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 April 2018 12:05
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [SANTE-B2-TOBACCO-CONTROL@ec.europa.eu](#)
Subject: RE: Art. 15-16 TPD

Dear [REDACTED]

The information concerning the exact timing of the webinars was only sent to the registered participants, including your four colleagues from PMI.

Our technical platform for webinars, Webex, has certain capacity constraints, which has been approximately reached with the number of the originally registered participants. Therefore, if possible, I would ask for your understanding that we cannot reopen the registration process. We may try to meet your request if we are informed about cancellations, but so far it is not the case. There is also a possibility that you ask one of your registered colleagues to give her/his place to you, but obviously this solution is up to your judgement and discretion.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SANTE/B2



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 4:49 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Art. 15-16 TPD

Dear [REDACTED]

I have learned from colleagues that DG Santé has sent out a link to participate in **Webinars**. I have, however, not received any such link. Would it be possible for you to share the link ?

Many thanks in advance & best wishes,

[REDACTED]