Call Philip Morris International and DG TRADE F/I on 19 July 2023 – Upcoming COP10 to the WHO on tobacco control

Participants:

Philip Morris International (PMI): Article 4(1)(b)

DG TRADE F/I: Article 4(1)(b), Article 4(1)(b) and Article 4(1)(b).

Report:

The call took place upon the request of PMI and after recent contacts in the context of Article 4(2) third indent the import ban of heated tobacco products into Mexico Article 4(2) third indent. PMI informed about the upcoming Conference of the Parties (COP10) to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in Panama in November 2023 and alerted about the proposed text calling on WHO members to adopt import bans of heated tobacco products.

PMI mentioned an ongoing Commission’s Inter-Service Consultation on the position of the EU. In light of Article 4(2) third indent in Mexico, PMI will appreciate that the respect of WTO rules and commitments under bilateral FTAs are taken into account.

On India, PMI clarified that it had enquired with DG TRADE/C/2 about addressing the Indian HTP import ban in the ongoing FTA negotiations.