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Cc: [REDACTED] (TAXUD)
Subject: RE: Public Consultation

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your contribution to the public consultation and policy paper. Please find below the answers to your questions.

Publication inputs

We will publish the contributions to the open public consultation within 15 working days following the closing date of the public consultation. In addition, we will publish a simplified statistical summary report of the results of the public consultation.

Next steps

Next steps are, apart from the above mentioned publications, analysing the content of the received contributions and producing a synopsis report of the entire consultation result. The synopsis report will be an integral part of the Impact Assessment report which has to be prepared. Publication of the Impact Assessment and possible proposal for revision of Directive 2011/64/EU is foreseen for Q4 2017.

If you have other questions, please let me know.

Best regards,

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

With this email, we simply wanted to confirm our inputs to the Public Consultation which we uploaded some days ago. We have ticked all 42 questions in the Questionnaire but also provided some clarifying comments as not always the question allowed for the necessary nuance. Last but not least, we provided also a policy paper on the tax revision for the Directive to be better equipped dealing with the novel products.

At this junction, we do have some practical questions on timing:

- when do you foresee to publish the inputs (we ticked the box to make our submission public) ? is that immediate ?
- what would be the next steps thereafter ?
- we hear a rumour that the 3 Excise Directives need to move "at the same speed", i.e. tobacco, alcohol and circulation directives: if that is so, wouldn't that have a delay effect on the tobacco directive's review?

With best wishes,

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