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BACKGROUND NOTE

6. MARKET ACCESS CASES:

6.3. Kazakhstan: Additional guarantee on importers of foreign liquor

SpiritsEUROPE asked to raise its concerns in regard to Kazakhstan's intention to introduce an additional import guarantee to secure the "intended use of tax stamps", i.e. that stamps are affixed and bottles are imported. The issue is linked to Kazakhstan's requirements for importers to pay excise taxes as a precondition for obtaining tax stamps and before the importation takes place.

8. AOB:

8.1. Egypt: lack of 14 Member States on the Egyptian "List of Reference Countries"

PL asked to raise an issue faced by Polish exporters (baby milk powder and pharmaceuticals) in Egypt related to the fact that Poland was not on Egypt's "List of Reference Countries".

8.2. Follow-up of previous MAAC meetings:

This point will include an update on following items discussed in the MAAC in September:

Egypt: registration of operators eligible to export products;

Indonesia: import restrictions for wood-made products;

Mexico's Key Barriers list: In view of the lack of progress in a number of items, and against the backdrop of negotiations for the modernisation of the existing trade agreement with Mexico scheduled for the end of November, COM stated that it was essential to better target and coordinate COM and MS actions. COM reiterates its invitation to MS to share in advance information on high level visits, cooperation programs, and other opportunities for advancing our market access agenda in order to maximise our impact.

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