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Subject: FW: Track& Trace: UID issuers appointment

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter, in which you share your concerns relating to the national appointments of the ID issuers required under the EU system of tobacco traceability.

We note your request to apply the provision stipulated in Article 4(5) of Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/547, by which in the temporary absence of an ID issuer, the Commission may authorise economic operators to use the service of other appointed ID issuers. However, you should be aware that Article 4(5) is subject to several legal limitations which are being currently carefully considered and analysed.

As you have noted, the Commission has been acting in a highly transparent manner and documents the progress achieved by individual Member States, as regards the ID issuers, in the publicly available reports from the regular meetings of the Expert Subgroup on tobacco traceability and security features.

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 are sure that your company, as a professional operator, is fully aware of Article 37 of the Implementing Regulation, which provides for a certain margin of security in terms of the continuity of supplies to the consumers.

Kind regards,

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Dear [REDACTED],

I hope this email finds you well.

Please find attached a letter that you will also receive via ordinary mail. It refers to tobacco traceability and the appointment of ID issuers by the Member States. BAT proposes the temporary use of the ID issuer appointed by Croatia (AKD d.o.o.) in those Member States that will not be able to share the technical specifications required for the interfacing with the manufacturers by 20 March 2019. AKD d.o.o. is, at present, the only fully operational ID issuer in the EU.

I remain at your disposal to provide any additional information you may need.

Best regards,

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