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**Subject:** RE: Implementation of the EU tracking & tracing system for tobacco products  
- Notification of proposed external auditor

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail. We have taken note of the concerns raised with regard to the notification deadline set out in the letter delivered to you on 2 December.

I would like to inform you that we are currently reviewing this deadline. We are going to issue a follow-up communication to manufacturers of tobacco products in the next days.

With kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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**Importance:** High

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On behalf of its smaller and mid-sized member companies, the European Smoking Tobacco Association (ESTA) would like to draw your attention to the attached letter regarding the notification of the proposed external auditor in the framework of Track and Trace for tobacco products.

ESTA smaller member companies are concerned that the procedure and "*submission deadline*", as laid down in your letter received on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, will not allow for appropriate and effective selection of the auditing firms.

We hope that you can relate to our position and can act upon it. We remain at your disposal should you need any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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