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traceability system for tobacco products (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER II

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS RELATED TO THE UNIQUE IDENTIFIER

SECTION 3

Unique identifiers at aggregated packaging level

Article 10

Marking by means of aggregated level UIs

- 1 Where economic operators choose to comply with the recording obligations provided for under Article 15(5) of Directive 2014/40/EU by means of the recording of aggregated packaging, they shall mark aggregated packages containing tobacco products with a unique identifier ('aggregated level UI').
- 2 Aggregated level UIs shall be generated and issued on the basis of a request to the competent ID issuer or directly by the economic operator.
- 3 Where the aggregated level UI is generated on the basis of a request to the competent ID issuer, it shall comply with the structure set out in Article 11(1).
- 4 Where the aggregated level UI is generated directly by the economic operator, it shall consist of an individual unit code generated in accordance with ISO/IEC 15459-1:2014 or ISO/IEC 15459-4:2014 or their latest equivalents.

Article 11

Structure of aggregated level UIs generated by ID issuers

- 1 For aggregated level UI generated on the basis of a request to the competent ID issuer, the structure of the aggregated level UI shall consist of a sequence of a maximum of 100 alphanumeric characters that is unique to a given aggregated package and shall be composed of the following data elements:
 - a in the first position, the alphanumeric characters that constitute the ID issuer identification code assigned under Article 3(4);
 - b an alphanumeric sequence, whose probability to be guessed shall be negligible and in any case lower than one in ten thousand ('serial number');
 - c the identifier code of the facility (as set out in Article 16) in which the aggregation process took place;
 - d in the last position, the time stamp in the form of a numeric sequence of eight characters, in the format YYMMDDhh, indicating the date and time of aggregation.

2 ID issuers shall be responsible for the generation of a code consisting of the elements listed in paragraph 1, points (a), (b), and (c).

3 Economic operators shall add the time stamp, referred to in paragraph 1, point (d), to the code generated by the ID issuer pursuant to paragraph 2.

4 The aggregated level UI may be completed by the economic operator with additional information, provided that the maximum character limit set out in paragraph 1 is not exceeded. Any such information may only appear after the data referred to in paragraph 1.

Article 12

Link between UI levels

1 The aggregated level UI shall be capable of identifying the list of all unique identifiers contained within the aggregated packaging by means of an electronically accessible link to the repositories system.

2 In order to establish the link referred to in paragraph 1, manufacturers and importers shall transmit to their primary repository the information listed in point 3.2 of Section 2 of Chapter II of Annex II, in the format indicated therein.

3 In order to establish the link referred to in paragraph 1, economic operators other than manufacturers and importers shall transmit via the router to the secondary repository the information listed in point 3.2 of Section 2 of Chapter II of Annex II, in the format indicated therein.

Article 13

Request and issuing of aggregated level UIs generated by ID issuers

1 Economic operators requesting aggregated level UIs on the basis of a request to the competent ID issuer shall introduce such requests electronically, in accordance with Article 36.

2 Economic operators introducing such requests shall supply the information listed in point 2.2. of Section 2 of Chapter II of Annex II, in the format indicated therein.

3 For manufacturers and importers, the ID issuer shall, within two working days from the receipt of the request and in the order indicated:

- a generate the code referred to in Article 11(2);
- b transmit the codes along with the information referred to in paragraph 2 via the router to the primary repository of the requesting manufacturer or importer, as established under Article 26; and
- c transmit the codes electronically to the requesting manufacturer or importer.

4 For economic operators other than manufacturers and importers, the ID issuer shall, within two working days from the receipt of the request and in the order indicated:

- a generate the code referred to in Article 11(2);
- b transmit the codes along with the information referred to in paragraph 2 via the router to the secondary repository, as established under Article 26; and
- c transmit the codes electronically to the requesting economic operators.

- 5 Within one working day, economic operators may cancel a request which was sent pursuant to paragraph 1 by means of a recall message as further defined in point 5 of Section 5 of Chapter II of Annex II, in the format indicated therein.
- 6 Aggregated level UIs issued by competent ID issuers shall not be reused.