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NOTICE OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PARTNERS FOR THE PARTICIPATION TO A TRACEABILITY PILOT PROJECT COMPLIANT WITH THE TPD DIRECTIVE 2014/40/EU

This notice is addressed to the companies interested in traceability of tobacco products for the Italian market in order to acquire expressions of interest in the implementation of a traceability pilot project compliant with TPD Directive 2014/40/EU. The notice has the aim to identify the potential technological partners for the pilot project.

Objective

IPZS intends to start a pilot project for the implementation of a traceability system for tobacco products complying with the TPD 2014/40/EU Directive requirements.

The technical specifications of the system and the share of work among the partners will be defined according to the delegated regulation's draft published by the European Commission Directorate General DG-SANTE in September 2017.

These drafts provide the following breakdown of roles:

1. *ID Issuer* (Article 3 of the draft Regulation September 6, 2017)
responsible for issuing unique identifiers to be printed on individual product packages and aggregates; must be carried out by an independent entity appointed by each Member State
2. *Primary/Secondary repository* (Article 26 and 27 of the draft regulation 6 September 2017)
responsible for the management of the database system that hosts the traceability information; function performed by an independent third party contracted by the manufacturers

The pilot project proposed by IPZS assumes the following share of work:

1. The ID Issuer function is performed by IPZS
2. The Primary/Secondary Repository function is carried out by partners identified by the present notice

Purpose of the notice

The aim of the notice is to acquire expressions of interest in the implementation of the pilot project by potential technological partners in the role of Primary Repository.

Therefore, no rights are due for any reason to those who submit their expression of interest nor to those who are contacted by IPZS for the purpose of this inquiry.

Recipients

This notice is addressed to all the companies involved in logistics business related to the tobacco products in Italy or in Europe.

Requirements

The companies must comply the independence requirements defined in art. 33 of delegated regulation draft:

1. Independence from the tobacco industry in terms of legal form, organization and decision making (the undertaking or the group of undertakings is not under the direct or indirect control of the tobacco industry, including the minority shareholding)
2. Independence from tobacco industry in financial terms: less than 10% of its annual worldwide turnover, excluding VAT and any other indirect taxes, from goods and services supplied to the tobacco sector over the past 2 calendar years (20% for each subsequent years)
3. Absence of conflict of interest with the tobacco industry of the person responsible for the management of the undertaking or the group of undertakings, including members of the board of directors or any other form of governing body.

The companies must demonstrate a specific technical and organizational know-how in traceability systems development and management, with a valuable turnover (more than 10 million € per year) and dedicated technologies and solutions already implemented in real business cases.

Any references with the stakeholders of the tobacco market will be considered as preferential elements in the evaluation of the expressions of interest.

Terms and conditions for submitting the expression of interest

The "Expression of Interest" must be submitted as self-certification pursuant to and for the purposes of Articles 46, 47 and 76 of Italian Presidential Decree 445/2000, and shall contain the information referred to in the *Content of the expression of interest* section.

Language: English or Italian.

Time limit: the expression of interest must be received within one month from the publication of this notice on the Poligrafico website.

Language: italian / english

Communication format: searchable pdf format, signed by a legal representative or an agent with power of attorney with the following subject line "Expression of interest on the TPD Pilot Project and identification of potential partners"

Certified email address: protocollo@pec.ipzs.it

This is the only form of submission.

The expression of Interest shall include:

1. A photocopy of a valid identification document of the legal representative;
2. The original power of attorney or certified copy, should the document be signed by an authorized agent

Content of the expression of interest

The following information must be provided in the Expression of Interest:

1. *[Company description]*
Please provide a brief description of the company with special reference to the areas in which it operates.

2. *[Turnover]*
Please indicate the annual overall turnover for the last 2 years ended prior to the publication date of this notice
3. *[Turnover share in the tobacco market]*
Please indicate the annual share of the overall turnover that is explicitly derived from the tobacco sector
4. *[Certifications]*
Please indicate and attach to the Expression of Interest, if possible, any certifications held concerning the traceability systems
5. *[Locations]*
Please indicate the number and location of all plants and offices of the company.
6. *[Patents]*
Please indicate and attach to the Expression of Interest, if possible, any patents held relating to the sector covered by this notice.
7. *[Partnership]*
Please indicate whether you have been and/or are a partner of public authorities, subsidiary company or similar, even on an international level, in the development of traceability systems in the tobacco sector

Request for information

For further information or clarifications on the content of this public notice, as well as on terms and conditions of participation, inquiries can be sent to the following email address:

traceability@ipzs.it

Data Processing

Report ex art. 13 Law 196/2003 According to art.13 of the Law 196/2003 please be informed that the personal information provided will be necessary and processed in order to carry out the contract obligations (forwarding of the requested products). For this reason the non-indication of the above mentioned information precludes the possibility of the correct carrying out of the contract obligations. Personal information will be stored also in electronic database and all measures will be taken to guarantee their security and privacy safeguard. Personal information will not be object of disclosure. The customer can exercise his rights according to art. 7 of the above mentioned Law, under which he can request and obtain information about data pertaining to him and about the aims and the conditions of the data process; he can also request the updating, the amendment, the integration, the cancellation, the anonymization, and the interruption of the data, and can oppose their processing. Such rights may be exercised upon request, sending a registered letter to the appointed executive of the Legal Office to the following address: via Salaria, 691 - 00138 Roma, or sending an e-mail to: privacy@ipzs.it.

Holder of the process is Istituto Poligrafico e Zecca dello Stato S.p.A. Responsible for the process is the pro tempore executive in charge of the Italian Mint.

Moreover, personal information will be processed by other appointed executives - whose list is continually updated and it is available on the site www.privacy.ipzs.it - and by the authorized personnel purposely appointed by the various executives. Personal data may be used to send communication and/or information on products of the Institute.