

MARKET INQUIRY

for

Delivery and initial installation in Information Services Jsc infrastructure of an electronic platform for the registration activity of economic operators and operators of the first retail outlets, which are involved in tobacco products trade, as well as of the objects and machines, used by them for producing and for the activity of applying and providing unique identifications for marking tobacco products.

1. Technical requirements: The full description of requirements and functionalities of the electronic platform is given in the Appendix 1 – Technical specification. As part of its technical proposal, the participant must provide a detailed technical specification of the infrastructure required for the installation and operation of the platform.
2. Platform demonstration: On May 16th 2019 participants have to demonstrate the full platform functionality as per the requirements in the Appendix 1 – Technical specification.
3. Assignment criteria: The lowest offered price. Only participants, who have completed the demonstration under the article 2 in full, will be allowed to the Price Offers Opening stage
4. Method of offered price forming: The offer of the participant must include a price in BGN or in EUR, without VAT included, according to the sample in Price Proposal. The proposed price should include all the costs associated with acquiring ownership of the source code, know-how transferring, acquiring the right to use the product within the territory of Republic of Bulgaria, acquiring the right to develop and upgrade the product - scalability, possibility to connect with third-party systems, delivery of the platform and the necessary technical means for its full-scale operation (for example, cryptographic secure random number generator) and the initial installation in the Information Services Jsc infrastructure.
5. Terms and payment method: In the Price Proposal sample the Participant should offer a payment method of the due remuneration.
6. Place of implementation: Sofia, Information Services Jsc.
7. Term of execution: up to 3 (three) days from the date of concluding the contact, but not later than May 20th 2019
8. Warranty maintenance: 12 months from the start of the platform in the Information Services Jsc infrastructure. During this period the Participant is obliged to provide a warranty maintenance of the delivered functionalities and source code, without direct access to the production environment.

The offer must be presented in Bulgarian in an opaque packaging bearing the following label:
„Доставка на електронна платформа за дейността по регистрация на икономическите оператори и

операторите на първите търговски обекти за продажба на дребно, които участват в търговията с тютюневи изделия, както и на обектите и машините, използвани от тях за производство и за дейността по заявяване и предоставянето на уникални идентификатори за маркиране на тютюневите изделия и първоначална инсталация на платформата в инфраструктурата на „Информационно обслужване“ АД“ (Delivery and initial installation in Information Services Jsc. infrastructure of an electronic platform for the registration activity of economic operators and operators of the first retail outlets, which are involved in tobacco products trade, as well as of the objects and machines, used by them for producing and for the activity of applying and providing unique identifications for marking tobacco products), telephone, fax and contact person.

The offer must include a technical and price proposal as per the samples. The price proposal is provided in a in a separate sealed, opaque envelope with an inscription „Предлагани ценови параметри“, („Proposed price parameters“), which contains the price proposal, signed by the participant and stamped, if applicable.

Outside the envelope „Proposed price parameters“ must not be found any information regarding the price proposed by the participants. Participants who in any way have included somewhere in their offers or outside the envelope „Proposed price parameters“ any elements, related to the offered price or to the parts of it, will be disqualified from the Market Inquiry. In the case of a difference between the amounts expressed in figures and words, the expression in words of the amount is considered to be the true one.

Offers are submitted every working day from 09:00 till 17:30 at the following address: 2 Panayot Volov str., 1504 Sofia, the Registry office of Information Services Jsc.

The deadline for accepting offers is 17:30 local time on May 15th 2019.

Offers submitted after the specified as a deadline date and time will not be considered.

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APPENDIXES:

Appendix 1 – Technical specification;

Appendix 2 – Technical Proposal sample;

Appendix 3 – Price Proposal sample;



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Technical specification

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Introduction

To limit the proliferation of illicit tobacco products, including their illicit import into the European Union, and for compliance with the requirements of Art. 15 of Directive 2014/40 / EC and Art. 35p of the Law on Tobacco and Tobacco Related Products introduces a requirement that consumer packages of tobacco products be marked with a unique identifier and their movement recorded so that it is possible to monitor and trace these articles within the Union. The provisions apply to manufactured tobacco produced in the European Union as well as to tobacco products produced outside the Union which are destined for the Union market or placed on it.

After 20 May 2019, tobacco manufacturers must ensure that all consumer packages are marked with unique identifiers. Economic operators can create aggregated packages (stacks, boxes, pallets), which should also be marked with unique identifiers.

After 20 May 2019 importers have to import and distribute only tobacco products whose consumer packages are marked with unique identifiers.

In order to be involved in the trade of tobacco products manufactured after 20 May 2019, retailers (entered in the Register of Tobacco Products Companies maintained by the Customs Agency) must obtain identification codes both as **Economic Operator** (economically operators) as well as for their **commercial outlets (Facility)** for the distribution of tobacco products.

For the purposes of the traceability system for tobacco products from the manufacturer or importer, through the supply chain to the first retailer, the ID issuer issues:

Identification codes of:

- Economic operators involved in the manufacture, import and trade of tobacco products ;
- The Facilities used by them for production, storage, processing and sale;
- Machinery used by them for production located within the EU and outside the EU in the case of imports of cigarettes and smoking tobacco intended for sale within the EU.

Unique identifiers for marking:

- All consumer packages of cigarettes and smoking tobacco intended for placing on the market in the Republic of Bulgaria;
- All consumer packages of cigarettes and smoking tobacco produced in the Republic of Bulgaria when destined for export outside the European Union;
- Consumer packages of cigarettes and smoking tobacco intended to be placed on the market in the territory of an EU Member State;
- Large packages (stacks, boxes or pallets) provided that monitoring and tracing of all consumer packages remains possible.

According to Art. 3 (1) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574 from 15 December 2017 on the technical standards for the establishment and operation of a Traceability System for Tobacco Products (Regulation (EC) 2018/574) each member state appoint an entity (" ID Issuer") responsible for the generation and issuance of unique identifiers.

According to Art. 35f, para. 1 of the Law on Tobacco and Tobacco Related Products, for ID issuer in the meaning of Art. Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EC) 2018/574 for the Republic of Bulgaria

specifies the Printing House of the Bulgarian National Bank, which may use Subcontractors if necessary.

The issuer of identifiers shall establish and maintain a Register of all economic operators involved in the production and distribution of tobacco products as well as of the facilities and machinery used by them for the production, storage and processing of their products to which identification codes has been issued .

The issuer of identifiers must transmit the data from the registers electronically, via the router under Art. 29 of Regulation (EC) 2018/574 (a device that transmits data between different components of the data repository system) to the secondary data repository under Art. 27 of Regulation (EC) 2018/574 (containing a copy of all tracking data stored in the primary data repositories) where a register of economic operators, producer and distributors of tobacco products is set up for the whole European Union.

The ID issuer must create and maintain a Register of the unique identifiers for cigarette and smoking tobacco issued by him.

The ID issuer must establish an electronic platform for the registration activity of economic operators involved in the manufacture and trade of tobacco products as well as of the sites and machines used by them for production and for the application activity and the provision of unique identifiers for marking of tobacco products. The electronic platform must be developed in accordance with the following legal acts:

- Directive 2014/40 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products and repealing Directive 2001 / / 37 / EC;
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574 of 15 December 2017 on the technical standards for the establishment and operation of a Traceability System for Tobacco Products;
- Law on Tobacco, Tobacco and Related Products;
- Guidelines on the implementation of the requirements of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/574 of 15 December 2017 on the technical standards for the establishment and operation of a Traceability System for Tobacco Products published on the website of the Customs Agency

Requirements for identifiers

The serialization component for the issued identifier must be generated through a certified Quantum Random Number Generator (RNG) maximizing the entropy levels.

Subclasses generated by this method must be resistant to systemic attacks and be validated by NIST / METAS / CTL / AIS31 methodologies or analogous

The unique identifier should allow the possibility of determining: the

- **date and place of manufacture;**
- **the production site;**

- the machinery used to produce the tobacco products;
- production shift or production time;
- the description of the article;
- the target retail market;
- the intended route of transportation;
- if applicable, the importer in the Union;

Functionality of the electronic platform:

The platform should be bilingual and provide a choice of language - Bulgarian and English.

1. Issuing identification codes for manufacturers and importers:

To register on the platform, all **manufacturers and importers** involved in the trade of tobacco products as well as the sites and machines used by them to manufacture, store and process their products must register in the platform his e-mail address and password. After registration, economic operators must be able to request identification codes and unique identifiers.

Manufacturers and importers should be able to make queries both via the electronic platform and through the API (Application Programming Interface) - a machine communication application that allows an automated process of requesting unique identifiers in defined formats / XML, JSON , CSV, etc.) and their automated return to the applicant.

The platform should enable **Producers and Importers** (customers) to sign a contract with the id issuer. The contract should be generated and attached to the electronic platform giving the capability to be signing with a qualified electronic signature from both parties (Issuer and Client).

The platform should provide an opportunity to generate an invoice for the monthly unique identifiers ordered by **manufacturers and importers** at the end of each calendar month and is provided to the customer on the first business day of the next month. It should contain the number of unique identifiers issued for the previous month and is provided to the client in electronic format.

Registration of economic operators, machines and sites:

For the purpose of implementing the provisions of the Regulation, it is necessary for the competent authorities of the Member States and the Commission to have access to the register of all economic operators and operators of the first retail outlets involved in trade with tobacco products, as well as the objects and machines used by them for the production, storage and processing of their products. Therefore, each ID issuer must create and maintain a registry containing the identification codes of the aforementioned economic operators, operators of the first retail outlets, machines and sites. The data from these registers shall be transmitted electronically via the **router** (a device that transmits data between the different components of the data repository system) to the secondary data

repository where an EU-wide register of economic operators and distribution of tobacco products is created. Secondary Data Storage Provider introduces and manages a router. The data exchange between the router and the primary and secondary data repositories is performed using the data format and the way of the routing specified by the router. The data exchange between the router and the ID issuer is performed using the data format and the way of the router-defined data exchange. Economic operators other than producers and importers shall send the information recorded in accordance with Article 15 of Directive 2014/40 / EC and in accordance with this Regulation to the router that transfers it to the primary data repository serving the manufacturer or the importer for whose tobacco products it is concerned. A copy of this data must be transmitted immediately to the secondary data repository.

According to Art. 14 (1) of Regulation (EC) 2018/574, for entry in the Register under Art. 15 (3) of Regulation (EC) 2018/574 (the Registry) economic operators, including retail operators, must apply for the issuance of an economic operator identification code by the competent ID Issuer provided that they operate on at least one site within the territory of the country.

Authentication of users in the platform should be implemented through two-factor authentication or qualified electronic signatures under Directive 910/2014([eIDAS](#)).

Issuing of identifiers (UID) of Manufacturers and Importers

The ID issuer issues identification codes to a manufacturer and / or importer under Art. 1, para. 1, item 1, b. "A", entered in the registers of the Customs Agency for the issued licenses for management of a tax warehouse, certificate for registrations and permits under Art. 45h of the Excise Duties and Tax Warehouses Act. When in the registers under Art. 45z missing data for the importer, the ID issuer requires all the necessary information from the person, including documents for confirmation of the data. Scanned copies of the documents should be attached to the application and their authenticity is confirmed by a qualified electronic signature.

For identification / admission to work on the electronic platform, the manufacturer and / or importer should provide a contact telephone number and a current e-mail address (subject to system verification) that will be asked to provide the necessary information for entry in the register for subsequent changes to the register, to request unique identifiers and to other bilateral correspondence if necessary.

The economic operator designates the person (s) who have access to the e-mail via (legal representative of the manufacturer / importer or authorized person).

The electronic platform must enable an economic operator, manufacturer and / or importer of tobacco products to request identifier code.

The application for the issuance of an identification code must be made available through the electronic platform, giving the possibility of entry of the required data set out in Annex II, Chapter II, Section 1, point 1.1 of Regulation (EC) 2018/574. If necessary, the issuer of identification codes may request from the applicant documents for confirmation of the data under item 12. The authenticity of the provided data shall be certified by a qualified electronic signature (the legal representative of the company or the authorized person). When the documents are authenticated by a personal electronic signature of an authorized person, in the electronic platform must be attached and a scanned copy of

the power of attorney, in accordance with the attached template, as authenticity is confirmed by an electronic signature.

The electronic platform must allow for each manufacturer / importer, registered by a competent ID issuer designated for a Member State, to have more than one e-mail address for access to the system, the additional e-mail addresses being advertised on the electronic platform by the company's representative.

A person may represent more than one economic operator registered by a competent id issuer. When working in the information system on a case-by-case basis, the person must be able to choose the economic operator he represents.

Prior to initial registration in the Register, the ID Issuer by business means must make the necessary inquiries to verify the data provided with the application by checking: The

- Authenticity and validity of the qualified electronic signature. Qualified electronic signature of the representative of the company and the authorized person must meet the requirements of Art. (3) (12) of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and authentication of electronic communications in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93 / EC.
- Data entered in the Economic Operator Register - the identifier publisher checks on the European e-Justice Portal in the publicly available business registers of the Member States on registration (legal form, seat, agents). Where no data is found on the European e-Justice portal, the ID issuer shall notify the person requesting the identification code of the need to submit a reference to the electronic register of the country where the company is registered, accompanied by a translation of the Bulgarian language. The person submitting the report confirms the compliance of the original with the enclosed copy with a qualified electronic signature.
- Tax registration of the economic operator - the verification is carried out on the VIES European portal for the confirmation of a VAT number. Where no automatic VAT identification number check could be conducted, the id issuer shall notify the person requesting the identification code of the need to submit a reference to the electronic register of the country where the company is registered. The person submitting the report confirms the compliance of the original with the enclosed copy with a qualified electronic signature.
- Validity of the excise number of the economic operator - check is made in the system for exchanging data on excise goods - SEED. When there is no data available in the European system for the company, the ID issuer notify the person created the request application for issuance of an identification code, the need to present a statement from the register of the country in which it is registered company. The person submitting the report confirms that the original copy attached to the system with qualified electronic signature.

Issuance of an identification code (UID) of economic operators other than producers and importers and operators of commercial sites for retail and warehouse keepers

In order to register all retailers and warehouse keepers (about 38 000) entered in the register of companies dealing in tobacco products supported by the "Customs" Agency should use a qualified electronic signature (personal or legal entity).

In case of usage of personal qualified electronic signature, under the Law on Electronic Document and Electronic Certification Services (requirements of Art. 3 pt. 12 of Regulation (EU) № 910/2014), the applicant must be authorized by the manager / agent of the company. For this purpose, the platform should generate a power of attorney that must be signed by manager / representative of the company, then the applicant must sign a power of attorney with his personal qualified electronic signature. Once the correctness of the data is verified the power of attorney should be approved and the authorized person is given the opportunity to request identification codes for companies and sites.

In case of usage of qualified electronic signature of a legal person - the electronic platform should visualize the company details giving the option of the person that represents the Company to be able to request identification Company/Facilities codes. The request should contain an email address and phone number to contact the trader.

In the electronic platform should provide the functionality of completing required for registration particulars set out in Annex II, Chapter II, Section 1, paragraph 1.1 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574. If necessary, the ID issuer may require the additional documents to confirm the data. The reliability of the data must be verified by a qualified electronic signature (belonging to legal representative of the company or authorized person).

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- Data entered in the Economic Operator Register - the identifier publisher checks on the European e-Justice Portal in the publicly available business registers of the Member States on registration (legal form, seat, agents). Where no data is found on the European e-Justice portal, the ID issuer shall notify the person requesting the identification code of the need to submit a reference to the electronic register of the country where the company is registered, accompanied by a translation of the Bulgarian language. The person submitting the report confirms the compliance of the original with the enclosed copy with a qualified electronic signature.
- Tax registration of the economic operator - the verification is carried out on the VIES European portal for the confirmation of a VAT number. Where no automatic VAT identification number check could be conducted, the id issuer shall notify the person requesting the identification code of the need to submit a reference to the electronic register of the country where the company is registered. The person submitting the

report confirms the compliance of the original with the enclosed copy with a qualified electronic signature.

- Validity of the excise number of the economic operator - check is made in the system for exchanging data on excise goods - SEED. When there is no data available in the European system for the company, the ID issuer notify the person created the request application for issuance of an identification code, the need to present a statement from the register of the country in which it is registered company. The person submitting the report confirms that the original copy attached to the system with qualified electronic signature.

The electronic platform must enable to the registered economic operators other than producers and importers and operators of commercial sites for retail sale to appoint more than one person to work in the electronic platform. For this purpose designated person must be identified by qualified digital signature.

It should be allowed a person to represent more than one economic operator registered by a Id issuer. When working in the information system, in each case, the person must choose an economic operator that represents.

When the request for registration economic operator or retail outlets for retail sale is entered in the register of "Customs" Agency and all necessary data for the company are available, the ID issuer must enter the company in the register and issue identification code of the economic operator and a economic operator code. The economic operator identifier and codes have to be provided through the electronic platform within two working days of receipt of the application for issuance.

For incompleteness and / or irregularity of the data or when the data cannot be verified the ID issuer must notify the applicant of the need to provide specific information or document. When incomplete and / or irregularity or non-compliance has been remedied the company should not be registered.

It should be possible according Art. 14 tons. 4 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574 where economic operators have been registered by another ID issuer to notify the issuer of identifiers for Republic of Bulgaria for this circumstance.

Change data

According to Art. 14 pt. 5 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574, manufacturers / importers notify the ID issuer for any change to the information provided in the application to obtain an identification code. In connection with the change to manufacturer / importer must be possible to submit a request for correction of the data in accordance with Annex II, Chapter II, Section 1, Section 1.2 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574.

Changing the data of economic operators other than producers and importers and operators of commercial sites for retail stated in the "Customs" Agency for reflection in the register of companies dealing in tobacco products, supported by the "Customs Agency". The electronic platform must ensure change in the registry to reflect the official channels through the information system.

Termination of registration of the economic operator

Under Art. 15, paragraph 5 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574 any termination of the activities of the economic operator is notified without delay by the economic operator to the ID Issuer via the platform. In connection with the termination of activities the economic operator submits a request for a termination in accordance with Annex II, Chapter II, Section 1, paragraph 1.3 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574.

According to Art. 15 pt. 4 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574, in duly justified cases, Member States may, in accordance with national law, require to the id issuer to deactivate the identification code of the economic operator. In such cases the Member State shall inform the economic operator or operator of outlet retail regarding the disabling and reasons. Disabling an identification code of the economic operator should lead to the automatic deactivation of related identifiers of objects and identification codes of machines in the database platform.

The ID issuer must have the functionality to terminate the registration of the economic operator or operator of outlet retail production and / or distribution of tobacco products in the Republic of Bulgaria at the request of the "Customs Agency".

The ID issuer must have the functionality to terminate the registration of the economic operator or operator of outlet retail when his registration in the register of "Customs Agency" has been terminated.

Issuance of an identification code (UID) of an facility

According to Art. 16 pt. 2 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574, economic operators and operators of retail outlets registered under pt. 4 submit a request for issuing identification codes of Facilities (site or building) where produce are stored or marketed by the corresponding ID issuer identifiers according specified in Annex II, Chapter II, section 1, paragraph 1.4 of that Regulation. The request must be submitted by the representative of the economic operator through the electronic platform. In the request the economic operator must indicate the Excise Number SEED of the facility (if the facility has one).

The ID issuer should provide through official channels access to the register of companies dealing in tobacco products distribution supported by the "Customs Agency". Other data needed for registration under p. 4 set out in Annex II, Chapter II, Section 1, paragraph 1.4 of Regulation (EC) 2018/574, should be provided by the economic operator / operator of retail outlets for retail sale applying for registration. If necessary, ID issuer may require additional documents to confirm the data. Copies of documents must be attached to the application and their authenticity confirmed by a valid qualified electronic signature.

According to Art. 16 pt. 4 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574, the obligation to apply for an identification code of a facility associated with manufacturing sites located outside the Union is the importer established in the EU. The electronic platform should provide the importer the functionality to submit an application to the ID Issuer for which market it places its products. The data required for registration under pt. 3 set out in Annex II, Chapter II, Section 1, paragraph 1.4 of Regulation (EC) 2018/574, must be provided by the petitioner filed an application in the electronic platform.

Before entry in the Register the ID issuer must carry out inquiries to confirm validity:

- The qualified electronic signature of the legal representative of the association or the authorized person;
- Excise number of the Facility of the economic operator - check is made in the system for exchanging data on excise goods - SEED (if the object has one).

When for the facility to which the application for registration are available all necessary data the ID issuer must inscribe the site on the register and generate an identification code of the facility via the information system. Identification code of the facility should be generated and be handed over to the requesting operator within two working days of receipt of the application for issuance.

For incompleteness and / or irregularity of the provided data or when the data can to be verified the ID issuer must notify the applicant of the need to provide specific information or document. When incomplete and / or irregularity or non-compliance has been remedied the facility should not be register.

The system must have the functionality to enable economic operators and operators of commercial sites for retail sale, submitted the application for issuance of an identification code of the facility to notify the issuer of identifiers for any change to the information provided in the application for obtaining the corresponding identification code. The manufacturer / importer must be able to adjust the data according to Annex II, Chapter II, Section 1, point 1.5 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574.

Economic operators other than producers and importers and operators of commercial sites for retail declare changes in the data in the "Customs" Agency for reflection in the register of companies dealing in tobacco products, supported by the Customs Agency. The electronic platform must enable change in the registry to reflect the official channels through the information system.

The platform must enable reporting of any termination of the activities of the site by the operator. In connection with the winding up of the site trader / operator of outlet retail must submit a request for termination in accordance with Annex II, Chapter II, Section 1, paragraph 1.6 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574.

According to Art. 17 pt. 4 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574, in duly justified cases, Member States may, in accordance with national law, require the id issue to deactivate the identification code of the

facility. The platform must provide the functionality for disabling of an identification code of the facility automatically disables the related identification codes of the machine.

Electronic platform should have the functionality for the id issuer to terminate the registration of the subject at the request of the Customs Agency or when his registration in the "Customs" Agency has been terminated.

Issuance of an identification code (UID) of the machine

According to Art. 18 pt. 2 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574, manufacturers and importers registered with the Registry submitted a request for the issuance of identification codes of machinery used in the manufacture of tobacco products. The electronic platform should allow to the economic operator to enter the information specified in Annex II, Chapter II, Section 1, paragraph 1.7 of that Regulation. The request for issuance of an identification code on a machine used at sites located outside the EU, stating the importer established in the EU. The importer shall submit an application to the ID issuer of the competent EU Member States, for which market the imported products are destined. The electronic platform should have functionality that enables the application for registration of the machines to be submitted by the legal representative of the manufacturer / importer or authorized person through the electronic platform. The data needed for registration under p. 4 set out in Annex II, Chapter II, Section 1, point 1.7 of Regulation (EC) 2018/574, should be provided by the manufacturer / importer, submitted the application for registration.

If necessary, the ID issuer may require the applicant documents to confirm the data. Copies of documents must be attached to the application and their authenticity can be confirmed by a qualified electronic signature.

When all necessary data for the machine for which the request for entry in the register are available the ID issuer must enter the machine in the register and issue identification code of the machine through the information system. Identification code of the machine must be generate and information should be provide to the requesting operator within two working days of receipt of the application for issuance.

For incompleteness and / or irregularity of the data or when the data cannot be checked the ID issuer must notify the applicant of the need to provide specific information or document. When incomplete and / or irregularity or non-compliance has been remedied machine must not be registered.

Manufacturers / importers submitted a request for issuance of an identification code of the machine notify the ID issuer for any change to the information provided in the application for obtaining the relevant identification code of the machine. The platform must enable the manufacturer / importer to submit application data for the change set out in Annex II, Chapter II, Section 1, point 1.8 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574.

The electronic platform must allow the manufacturer / importer to notify the issuer of identifiers for each decommissioning of registered machines. In connection with the decommissioning of the manufacturer / importer must submit a request by e-platform for termination of the registration of the machine, in accordance with Annex II, Chapter II, Section 1, Section 1.9 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574.

The electronic platform should have the functionality to terminate the registration of the machine at the request of the Customs Agency.

ISSUING of unique identifiers

According to Art. 15 pt. 1 of Directive 2014/40 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014, Member States shall ensure that all consumer packages of cigarettes and smoking tobacco produced and / or intended for sale in their territory. They are marked with a unique identifier.

By request from economic operators, the ID issuer generate a number of unique identifiers (alphanumeric code) allowing identification of consumer packaging or aggregated packages of tobacco products (within the meaning of Art. 2 pt. 5 of Regulation (EU) 2018 / 574).

When submitting a request for a unique identifier for consumer packaging manufacturers / importers provide the necessary information to generate a unique identifier in accordance with Article 15 pt. 2 b. "A - h" of Directive 2014/40 / EU (excluding the date and time of production which may not be possible to determine in advance and to be added by traders at the time of manufacture).

Economic operators should be able to make requests for creation or deactivation of unique identifiers as well as through the electronic platform and by "API" - application machine communication, thereby bringing automated process to apply unique identifiers.

Issuing of unit level unique identifiers

According to Art. 9 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574, registered traders, manufacturers / importers shall submit a request via the electronic platform to the competent ID issuer for unit level of UIs by providing the necessary data, specified in Annex II, Chapter II, Section 2 section 2.1 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574. Requests must be submitted electronically through the electronic platform.

In order to gain access to the electronic platform manufacturers of tobacco products operating within the territory of another Member State of the EU (when the manufactured goods are placed on the market of Republic of Bulgaria) should:

Provide the details of the company required for the bilateral contract (name of company, tax number, VAT number, address of the registered office); the electronic platform ensures the signing of bilateral agreements with a qualified electronic signature. In case that the contract is signed by an authorized person, a copy of the power of attorney should be attached and its authenticity is certified by electronic signature.

- State the economic operator identifier code and the Member State whose designated ID issuer is competent for issuing codes on its territory;
- Provide a phone number and email address (used to receive the unique identifiers in the Member State in whose territory the products are manufactured).

The electronic platform should enable the ID issuer to perform authenticity and validity checks of the qualified electronic signature through official channels.

Within two working days from the receipt of the request the electronic platform of the ID issuer should:

- generate the unique identifiers (codes);
- transmit the codes along with the information provided by the manufacturer / importer via the router to the primary repository of the requesting manufacturer or importer (the storage where the data associated with the products of a manufacturer or importer is stored);
- Electronically transmit the codes to the requesting manufacturer or importer.

Issuing of unique identifiers at aggregated packaging level

Registered traders should be able to request to the competent ID issuer the issuance of unique identifiers at aggregated packaging level, providing the necessary data as specified in Annex II, Chapter II, Section 2, paragraph 2.2 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574. Requests must be submitted electronically through the electronic platform. Within two working days from the receipt of the request and in the order indicated the electronic platform of the ID issuer should:

- Generate the unique identifiers (codes);
- Transmit the codes and information provided by Annex II, Chapter II, Section 2, paragraph 2.1 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574 by the router to the primary data repository of the requesting manufacturer or importer;
- Transmitted electronically to the codes complainant producers / importer.

The electronic platform should have functionality whereby upon a request of an economic operator other than producers and importers within two working days of receipt of the request and in the order publisher identifiers:

- Generate unique identifiers (codes);
- Transmit the codes and information provided by Annex II, Chapter II, Section 2, paragraph 2.1 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574 by the router to the secondary data store;
- Electronically transmit the codes to the requesting economic operators.

Cancellation of requests for issuing unique identifiers and deactivation

Within one working day, economic operators may cancel a request for issuing UIs. The electronic platform should offer the functionality to economic operators to recall a submitted request in accordance with Annex II, Chapter II, Section 5, point 5 of Regulation (EU) 2018/574.

It shall be possible for economic operators to request delivery of unique identifiers within 24 hours upon submission of the request for issuance. In this case the electronic platform should allow the economic operator to acknowledge that he is aware that cancelling the request is impossible and the he is obligated to pay the ordered unique identifiers.

Unique identifiers generated by ID issuers may be used to mark unit packets or aggregated packaging within a maximum period of six months from the date of receipt of the unique identifiers by

the economic operator. After this time period the electronic platform should mark the issued unique identifiers automatically as invalid.

The electronic platform must enable the respective manufacturer / importer to submit a deactivation request of unique identifiers.

Requirements for primary repository

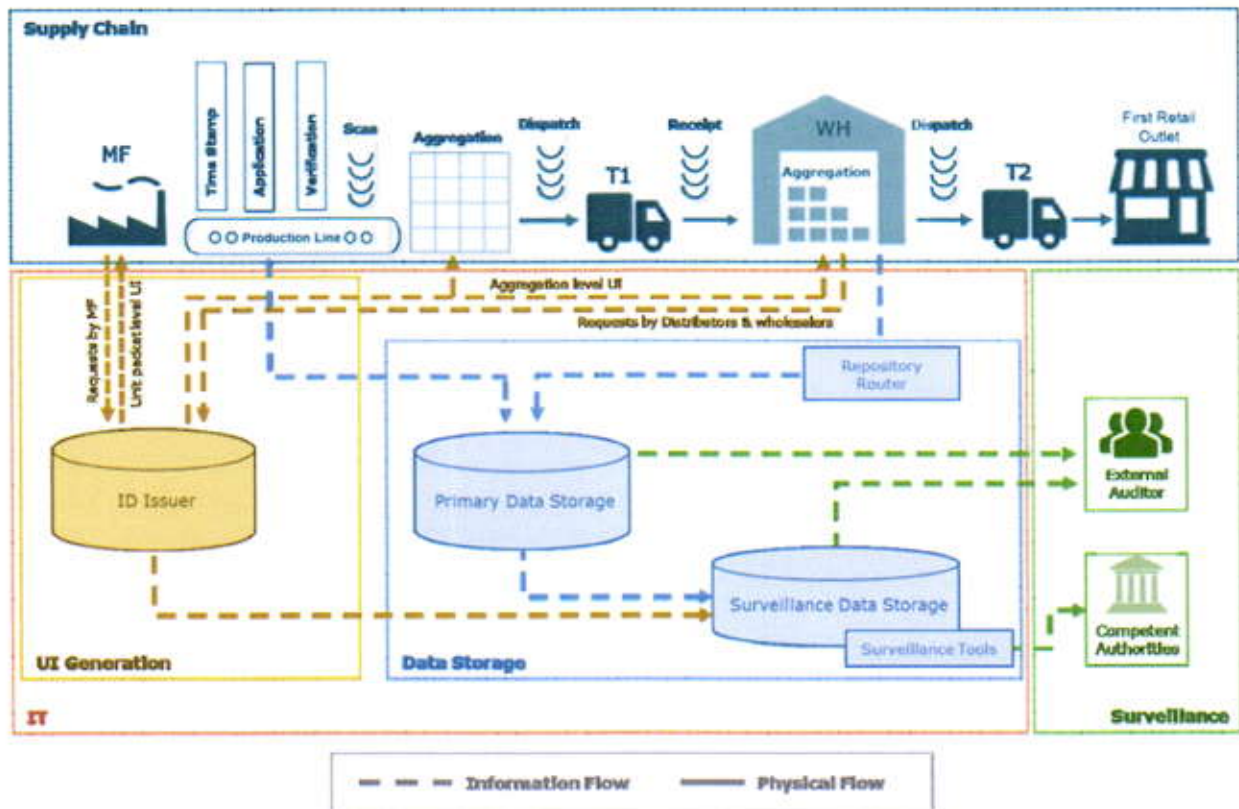
- Each manufacturer and importer shall ensure the establishment of a primary repository. To that end each manufacturer and importer shall contract an independent third party provider, in accordance with the contractual requirements set out in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/573¹. The selection of the independent third party shall take place in accordance with the procedural rules laid down in Annex I, Part A.
- Each primary repository shall exclusively host information which relates to the tobacco products of the manufacturer or importer who contracted the repository.
- Whenever data are received by the primary repository on the basis of a reporting activity, or for any other permitted reason, it shall be forwarded to the secondary repository instantaneously.
- In forwarding all data received to the secondary repository, the primary repositories shall use the data format and data exchange modalities defined by the secondary repository.
- Primary repositories shall store the data in accordance with the common data dictionary provided by the secondary repository.
- Member States, the Commission, and external auditors approved by the Commission shall be able to carry out basic query requests in relation to all data stored in a primary repository.

Requirements for the secondary data stores:

- A single secondary repository containing a copy of all data stored in primary repositories shall be established. The operator of the secondary repository shall be appointed from among the providers of primary repositories in accordance with the procedure laid down in Annex I, Part B.
- The secondary repository shall provide for graphical and non-graphical user interfaces that enable Member States and the Commission to access and query the data stored in the repositories system, using all commonly available database search functions, in particular by remotely carrying out the following operations:
- (a) retrieval of any information concerning one or multiple unique identifier(s), including the comparison and cross- checking of multiple unique identifiers and the related information, in particular their location in the supply chain;
 - (b) creation of lists and statistics, such as product stocks and inflow/outflow numbers, associated with one or multiple elements of reporting information listed as Data Fields in Annex II;
 - (c) Identification of all tobacco products that have been reported by an economic operator to the system, including the products reported as recalled, withdrawn, stolen, missing or intended for destruction.

¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/573 of the Commission of 15 December 2017 on the main elements of contracts for the storage of data, concluded as part of the tracing system of tobacco products (see. P. 1 of this Official Journal)

- The user interfaces referred to in paragraph 2 shall enable each Member State and the Commission to define individual rules for:
 - (a) automatic alerting based on exceptions and specific reporting events, such as abrupt fluctuations or irregularities in trade, attempts to introduce duplicate unique identifiers into the system, deactivation of the identifiers referred to in Articles 15(4), 17(4) and 19(4), or where a product is indicated by economic operators as stolen or missing;
 - (b) The receipt of periodic reports based on any combination of the elements of reporting information listed as Data Field in Annex II. 4. Automatic alerts and periodic reports referred to in paragraph 3 shall be forwarded to recipient addresses indicated by Member States and the Commission such as individual email addresses and/or internet Protocol (IP) addresses belonging to external systems used and managed by national authorities or the Commission.
- The user interfaces referred to in paragraph 2 shall enable Member States and the Commission to connect remotely to the data stored in the repositories system with the analytical software of their choice.
- The user interfaces referred to in paragraph 2 shall be provided in the official languages of the Union.
- The overall response time of the repository to any given query or alert trigger, not considering the speed of the internet connection of the end user, shall be no more than 5 seconds for the data stored for less than 2 years and no more than 10 seconds for the data stored for 2 years or more, in at least 99 % of all queries and automatic alerts foreseen under paragraphs 2 and 3.
- The overall time between the arrival of reporting activity data and its accessibility, via the graphical and non- graphical interfaces, in the primary and secondary repositories shall be no more than 60 seconds in at least 99 % of all data transfer activities.
- The repository shall allow for the receipt, storing and making available of offline flat-files for the purpose of updating verification devices used by Member States for offline decoding of unique identifiers.
- The provider of the secondary repository shall establish and maintain a register of the information transferred to it in accordance with Article 20(3). A record of the information stored in the register shall be kept for as long as the traceability system is operational.
- Member States and the Commission shall retain the right to enter into additional service level agreements with the provider of the secondary repository for the purpose of contracting the latter to carry out additional services not provided for by this Regulation. The provider of the secondary repository may charge proportionate fees for providing such additional services.
- The repository services provided to Member States and the Commission under this Article shall be compatible with Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 and in particular allow for the use of reusable solutions provided as building blocks under the telecommunication part of the Connecting Europe Facility.



The system should pass successfully the technical certification process of the Secondary repository.

Copyright and Intellectual Property

The Contractor must submit:

- The source code with instructions for compilation,
- The copyright to use the product within the Republic of Bulgaria,
- The rights for development and upgrade of the product - in terms of scalability, integration of third party systems

Warranty maintenance

12 months from the start of the platform in the Information Services Jsc infrastructure. During this period the Participant is obliged to provide a warranty maintenance of the delivered functionalities and source code, without direct access to the production environment.

Manuals

In order to ensure the registration of economic operators and first retail outlets, involved in the trade of tobacco products, as well as the registration of facilities and machines used for production and packaging, including the processes of requesting and provision of unique identifiers for tobacco products, the Contractor must provide and publish in the electronic platform detailed user manuals with instructions for all user roles and system operators.

Name of the participant:	
Legal form of the participant:	<i>(a trade company or consortium or other legal form)</i>
Registered office:	
ID Code:	
Exact address for correspondence:	<i>(state, city, postal code, street, №)</i>
Telephone number:	
Fax number:	
Email address:	
Contact Person:	

**TO
INFORMATION SERVICES JSC
2 PANAYOT VOLOV STR., SOFIA 1504**

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

For participation in Market Inquiry for
Delivery and initial installation in Information Services Jsc infrastructure of an electronic platform for the registration activity of economic operators and operators of the first retail outlets, which are involved in tobacco products trade, as well as of the objects and machines, used by them for producing and for the activity of applying and providing unique identifications for marking tobacco products

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

After having become acquainted with all the requirements, documents and samples received by us as an integral part of the invitation to participate in the announced market inquiry, we declare and confirm that the implementation of the activities will be carried out in full compliance with the requirements of Information Services Jsc.

1. Detailed technical specification of the infrastructure required for the installation and operation of the platform

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2. By signing this technical proposal we are committed to make a demonstration on May 16th 2019 in Information Services Jsc of the full platform functionality as per requirements of the Appendix 1 to this Invitation for Market Inquiry – Technical specification.
3. Execution time: up to 3 (three) days from the date of concluding a contract, but not later than May 20th 2019
4. Warranty period: 12 months from the start of the platform in the Information Services Jsc infrastructure. During this period we commit to provide a warranty maintenance of the delivered functionalities and source code, without a direct access to the production environment.
5. The current proposal is valid for the period of 30 calendar days from the date set by the Contracting Authority as a deadline for submitting proposals at their premises. The offer will remain binding for us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of this period I agree, in case of being nominated as a contractor, to extend the validity of my offer until the time of the contract performance.

Date:

SIGNATURE & STAMP:

[name and surname]

[capacity of the participant's representative]

Appendix 3 – Price Proposal sample

Name of the participant:	
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Contact Person:	

**TO
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PRICE PROPOSAL

For participation in Market Inquiry for

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Hereby, we present to you our Price Proposal as follows:

We offer a total price of BGN/EUR (in words:) without VAT.

The proposed price includes all the costs related to the delivery, including acquiring ownership of the source code, know-how transferring, acquiring the right to use the product within the territory of Republic of Bulgaria, acquiring the right to develop and upgrade the product - scalability, possibility to connect with third-party systems, delivery of the platform and the necessary technical means for its full-scale operation (for example, cryptographic secure random number generator) and the initial installation in the Information Services Jsc infrastructure.

We offer the following method of paying the due remuneration:

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All the digits are written also in words and in case of difference between the written in digits and in words the true one is considered the written in words.

Date:

SIGNATURE & STAMP:.....

[name and surname]

[capacity of the participant's representative]