

Notice of change of provider of ID Issuer services for Ireland

This notice is particularly addressed to manufacturers and importers of tobacco products to the Irish market.

Under Article 15 of Directive 2014/40/EU and Implementing Decisions 2018/574, adopted under that Directive, all unit packets of tobacco products placed on the Irish market are required to carry a unique identifier issued by an ID Issuer appointed for Ireland as part of the Tobacco Traceability and Security Features (TSF) system.

Since 2019 the role of ID Issuer for Ireland has been carried out by All Soft Corp s.r.o. (formally Allexis s.r.o.). Following a competitive tendering process, the contract for provision of ID Issuer services for Ireland has been awarded to Smurfit Kappa Security Concepts Limited. With effect from 28 May 2025, Smurfit Kappa Security Concepts Limited with its subcontractors AKD d.o.o. and Enseso d.o.o. will assume the role of ID Issuer for Ireland. All economic operators should prepare for the switchover by coordinating with the new ID Issuer ahead of the effective date.

Ireland ID Issuer TEST environment available

A dedicated ID issuer test environment has been set up to support a smooth and seamless transition. To assist manufacturers, importers, and supply chain partners in adapting to the new system, the Ireland ID Issuer test environment will allow for early technical integration, troubleshooting, and validation of processes under the new ID Issuer's framework. Economic operators are strongly encouraged to begin preparations and test their systems as early as possible.

To support economic operators in preparing for the upcoming transition to the new ID Issuer for Ireland, a guide **"Ireland ID Issuer Environment Definition"** has been prepared. This comprehensive guide outlines the structure, access details, and purpose of the testing, user acceptance and production environments aligned with the requirements of Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/574. It serves as a practical reference for manufacturers, importers, and technical teams to ensure a smooth and compliant integration process ahead of the official go-live date.

For any technical inquiries or support related to the transition or the test environment, please contact: irelandtpd_support@akd.hr

All obligations in respect of the operation of the Tobacco Traceability and Security Feature system remain the same during the transition of ID Issuers for Ireland.

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