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Starting with October 31, 2019, the traceability system for manufactured tobacco products (i.e. cigarettes, rolling tobacco) has become operational.

For the other tobacco products, this traceability system will be functional starting with May 20, 2024.



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In order to monitor the movement of the manufactured tobacco products from the factory to the first retail shop, a traceability system was implemented at the level of the European Union. According to this system, the economic operators involved in trading operations with manufactured tobacco products and their production/sale units, have to register in the European traceability system.

In Romania, this system has become functional starting with October 31, 2019 for cigarettes and rolling tobacco.

The system implies:

- Every pack of cigarettes and rolling tobacco will be marked with unique identification codes;
- The Romanian legal entity, which issues the unique identification codes necessary for implementing the system, is the National Company „Imprimeria Națională S.A.”.
- The movement of manufactured tobacco products up to the first retail shop will be registered in the traceability system;
- The economic operators involved in wholesale and/or distribution of manufactured tobacco products, including the logistic platforms supplying their stores, have to register in the online platform www.ridis.ro of the National Company „Imprimeria Națională S.A.”, in order to obtain the unique identification code.
- Without a unique identification code, economic operators in wholesale and/or distribution of tobacco products, including the logistic platforms supplying their stores, will not be able to supply or receive such products.

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