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According to art. 381 item 1 of the Act of March 11, 2004 on the Organization of Certain Agricultural Markets (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 945), the Director of the Regional Branch of the Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture is the competent authority to provide administrative assistance in the case of transnational cooperation between recognized organizations and associations, in accordance with the European Union rules on the recognition of producer organizations and associations of producer organizations and interbranch organizations, including in relation to the provisions resulting from Article 4 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/232 of 15 December 2015 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain aspects of producer cooperation (Official Journal EU L 41 of 19/02/2016, page 1).

In view of the above and in connection with the ongoing administrative proceedings regarding the recognition of an international interbranch organization in the tobacco sector, European Leaf Tobacco Interbranch (ELTI), based in Rome (address: Via Monte delle Gioie 1/C - 00199 - Rome, Italy), the Director of the Regional Branch of the Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture in Krakow asked the Polish Association of Tobacco Growers represented by the President of the Management Board Tadeusz Czyz for submitting relevant documents confirming the data provided by the Ministry of Agricultural Food and Forest Policies of Italy regarding the amount of tobacco contracted or processed for crop 2016 and 2017, and

the confirmation that the Polish Association of Tobacco Growers meets the conditions for participation in the interbranch organization, pursuant to art. 157 of the Regulation PE & C (EU) No. 1308/2013, by certifying that it is an entity related to the production and/or first processing and/or trade in raw tobacco.

In response to the above inquiry, the Polish Association of Tobacco Growers presented the Director of the Regional Office of the Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture in Krakow with the following documents:

- type of purchased tobacco (data for 2016 and 2017);
- the number of contracted tobacco, sub-divided into varieties:
 - Virginia Bright (data in tonnes for 2016 and 2017),
 - Burley (data in tonnes for 2016 and 2017),
 - Dark Tobaccos (data in tonnes for 2016 and 2017),

At the same time, a declaration was issued regarding the fulfillment of the conditions for participation in an interbranch organization, pursuant to art. 157 section 1 of the PE & C (EU) Regulation No. 1308/2013, by declaring that it is an entity related to the production and / or first processing and/or trade in raw tobacco and an excerpt from the National Court Register. We will send the aforementioned documents as an attachment in the form of a copy confirmed in accordance with the original.

After verifying the above documents, the Director of the Regional Branch of the Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture in Krakow informs that the data included in the annexes sent by the Ministry of Agricultural and Food Agricultural Policy were confirmed by the Polish Association of Tobacco Growers in Krakow.

Signed
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