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MEETING: STRATEGIC LEVEL FORUM – CONTRABAND TOBACCO

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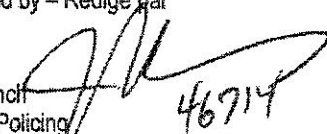
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**AGENDA ITEMS / DISCUSSION ITEMS : STATUS OF CONTRABAND TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT,
IMPLICATIONS OF PLAIN PACKAGING INITIATIVE**

CONSIDERATIONS : Plain packaging is a priority for the new Federal Government. Pre-implementation is scheduled for late 2017 with full implementation scheduled for late 2018. The model is based upon similar plain packaging laws in Australia and UK.

Of consideration to RCMP is that neither Australia nor the UK have a robust and domestic contraband tobacco manufacturing industry. Plain packaging laws may present opportunities for organized crime groups to further penetrate the legal tobacco market through counterfeiting. This concern was relayed to the Forum.

FOLLOW UP : A future SLF is to be scheduled for January 2017.

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