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Keith Spinks to step down from ETRC

The European Travel Retail Confederation today announced that Senior Counsel, Keith Spinks, would step down after thirty years of tireless service to the industry. Keith has agreed to remain in position until the end of August ensuring that his wealth of knowledge is utilised for ongoing initiatives.

ETRC President Nigel Keal said 'Keith has made a legendary commitment to this industry and for that we all should be extremely grateful. He has been at the forefront of every major lobbying campaign we have fought since 1990, and his efforts have in many ways ensured the continued growth and sustainability of this industry".

Keith served as Secretary General of ETRC, and its predecessor ITRC, from 2000-2019 and before that played a major role in all duty free campaigns since 1988. Following Julie Lassaigne's appointment to the Secretary General role last year, Keith has acted as ETRC Senior Counsel with specific responsibility for tobacco related issues.

Keith Spinks said; "I started lobbying for duty free in 1988. Other than June 30th 1999, I can honestly say I have enjoyed every day!

This is a business full of innovation, diversity, excitement, and most of all, great people. It has been my pleasure to work alongside people such as Frank O'Connell and Sarah Branquinho who have been real trailblazers in protecting the business. I will be stepping down from ETRC at the end of August, but still plan to remain active within the industry and will be seeking out interesting projects for the future."

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About the European Travel Retail Confederation

The European Travel Retail Confederation (ETRC) is an industry association for the duty free and travel retail industry in Europe, serving the industry and its members to help create the right environment to allow the industry to achieve its potential and protect it when challenges arise.

ETRC is composed of national and regional affiliated trade associations representing over 200 European companies, Tax Free World Association (TFWA) representing 500 brand companies, and direct corporate membership from individual companies working in the duty free and travel retail trade across Europe and beyond. The European Travel Retail Confederation's operations are directed by its Supervisory and Managing Boards and carried out by a full-time secretariat. For more information about the organisation, please see our website – www.etc.org