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## **First Manufacturer Receives Official Approval of the E-Health Card in Germany**

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On October 1 2011, Germany will begin the country-wide distribution of its new electronic health card. Morpho (Safran group) is the first manufacturer to have received official approval for production of the card. This was confirmed by gematik (Gesellschaft für Telematikanwendungen der Gesundheitskarte) – the German association for telematics applications for the e-health card. This means that Morpho can now make the approved e-health card available to health insurers for upcoming distribution. By the end of the year, 10% of all insured persons will receive the new card.

The new e-health card, called “Generation 1plus,” is already suited for future online use and has high-security encryption functions.

The production facility at the German manufacturing site in Flintbek near Kiel has successfully implemented the required security measures and is ready to start production. One in three persons in Germany insured under a statutory health insurance programme will receive an e-health card produced in Flintbek. That makes Morpho one of the market leaders in terms of the total volume of electronic health cards.

“We are pleased to be the first company to have received full approval for our Generation 1plus e-health card which will be ready for the launch of distribution. At the same time, we are sure the initial rollout will pave the way for a full rollout in 2012 and in subsequent years”, said Christopher Goulet, Head of Sales for Central and Eastern Europe, Payment and ID Documents at Morpho, e-Documents Division.

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