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Subject: Actions to take to comply with the new State aid Land and Multimodal Transport Guidelines (LMTG) and Transport Block Exemption Regulation (TBER)

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

On 16 March 2026, the following two new State aid instruments in the sustainable land transport sector were adopted by the Commission and apply since 30 March 2026:

– Communication from the Commission – Guidelines on State aid for land and multimodal

transport¹ (hereinafter the ‘LMTG’);

– Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/562 of 16 March 2026 declaring certain categories of aid in the rail, inland waterways and multimodal transport sector compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 93, 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union² (hereinafter the ‘TBER’).

In accordance with Article 108(1) of the Treaty, under point 264 (a) of the LMTG, the Commission proposes that Member States amend their existing aid schemes to bring them in line with the LMTG by **1 March 2027** at the latest. This encompasses all existing State aid schemes which have not expired by that date. Given the entry into force of also the TBER, Member States can also choose to bring existing schemes in line with the TBER instead of the LMTG.

Under point 264 (b) of the LMTG the Commission invites the Member States to give their explicit unconditional agreement to the proposed appropriate measures within two months from the date of publication of the LMTG in the Official Journal of the European Union, i.e. this should have been done by 30 May 2026. In line with such agreement, Member States will have to amend their existing aid schemes in order to align them with the LMTG (or TBER) by 1 March 2027.

1. If your authorities have not yet given their explicit unconditional agreement to these appropriate measures, we would like to invite you to do so. Please confirm in your reply the situation applicable to your Member State, i.e. that:

(a) no State aid scheme supporting the sustainable land transport sector is currently in force, or all such aid schemes will expire before 1 March 2027; or

(b) State aid schemes supporting the sustainable land transport sector are in force and do not expire by 1 March 2027: in this case, please provide an exhaustive list of those State aid schemes, and confirm that your authorities give their explicit unconditional agreement to the proposed appropriate measures, i.e. to bring them in line with the LMTG (or TBER).

In the absence of a reply, the Commission will assume that the Member State in question does not agree with the proposed measures.

If a Member State does not agree to the proposed appropriate measures, the Commission would have to proceed in accordance with Article 23(2) of Regulation (EU) 2015/1589, and may have to open a formal investigation procedure.

2. If your authorities have already given their explicit unconditional agreement to these appropriate measures, we would like to invite you to submit, if not already done, an exhaustive

¹ OJ C, C/2026/1656, 30.3.2026, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2026/1656/oj>.

² OJ L, 2026/562, 30.3.2026, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2026/562/oj>.

list of your State aid schemes supporting the sustainable land transport sector currently in force and which will not have expired by 1 March 2027.

In both cases, please address your reply within **20 calendar days** from the receipt of the present letter in its translated form to Stateaidgreffe@ec.europa.eu, mentioning the following reference: **HT.5524**.

Should you need further clarifications, please send your request to the functional mailbox comp-rail-revision@ec.europa.eu.

Electronically signed

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The translation of this letter into your national language will be communicated as soon as it is available.