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Monitoring of block-exempted aid measures SA.103299 (2025/MX) – Erimärgistatud diislikütuse aktsiisisoodustus põllumajandussektoris (muutmine)

Dear Mr Ritter,

We hereby reply to the European Commission's letter COMP B.3/MBL/HA*comp(2025)7126016 of 4th of July 2025 regarding monitoring of block-exempted aid measure SA.103299.

1. Legal basis

- (1) Notification SA.103299 was valid for the period from 01 June 2022 to 31 December 2022. During this period, the legal basis underwent several amendments, however, that did not necessitate any changes to notification SA.103299. The legal basis referenced in the summary information sheet (https://www.riigiteataja.ee/akt/122052022002) was valid from 01 June 2022 to 30 June 2022. Afterwards, the legal basis for the scheme changed to https://www.riigiteataja.ee/akt/122052022003, which was valid from 01 July 2022 to 30 November 2022. The legal basis applicable for the period from 01 December 2022 to 31 December 2022 can be found here: https://www.riigiteataja.ee/akt/118112022004.
- (2) We have completed the attached tables (Annexes 1 and 2).
- (3) The notification SA.103299 was valid from 01 June 2022 to 31 December 2022 and was subsequently replaced by notification SA.105932, which was valid from 01 January 2023 to 30 April 2024. This, in turn, was succeeded by notification SA.113970, effective from 01 May 2024 to 31 December 2026. The changes reflect amendments in the legal framework, specifically the "Alcohol, Tobacco, Fuel and Electricity Excise Duty Act". On 01 June 2022 an amendment came into force, which introduced implementing provision §85¹⁹, reducing the excise duty rate on diesel fuel for specific purposes to 21 euros per 1,000 litres for the period from 01 June 2022 to 31 December 2022. This provision was then extended to cover the period from 01 January 2023 to 30 April 2024, and from 01 May 2024 it was incorporated as a main provision under §66(7).

2. Implementation of the scheme

Information regarding the companies can be found in the annexes.

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Yours sincerely,

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- 2) Annex 3 Copy of 2022 EDK isikud (002).xlsx,
- 3) Annex 4.xlsx,
- 4) Estonia AidAward TM-12087683.pdf,
- 5) Jaagumäe_AidAward_TM-12087749 (1).pdf,
- 6) Muuga AidAward TM-12087770.pdf,
- 7) Tiigikalda AidAward TM-12087703.pdf,
- 8) VAO OÜ AidAward TM-12087759.pdf
- 9) Annex_5_language_waiver.pdf
- 10) Annex_6.xlsx