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Subject: HT.100401 - Request to provide the annual report on State aid expenditure in 2024 - Deadline to submit the report: 30 June 2025.

Sir/Madam,

I am contacting you regarding the annual reporting obligations on State aid in accordance with Articles 5 to 7 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 794/2004 ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/2282 ⁽²⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 140, 10.4.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 325, 10.12.2015, p.1-180.

First, I would like to thank your authorities for the cooperation during the last reporting exercise. The summary of the corresponding reported expenditures will be published soon on the Commission website:

http://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/scoreboard/index_en.html

Additionally, the information provided by your authorities regarding expenditures on State aid schemes is also included in the case information publicly available through the case search application: <https://competition-cases.ec.europa.eu/>

The reporting should be completed through the State Aid Reporting Interactive 2 (SARI2) application⁽³⁾. As in previous years, to facilitate the exercise for your authorities, SARI2 contains pre-filled information on the State aid measures introduced before 2024 that have not expired yet, as well as information regarding the State aid schemes, individual applications within schemes and *ad hoc* aid for which Commission Decisions were adopted in 2024 or fall under block-exemptions.

As in the previous year, reporting in SARI2 includes all sectors, including agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture, with the exception of the railways sector. For the reporting on compensations and aid to the rail sector, a template containing a comprehensive table is enclosed to this letter and will be additionally uploaded into SARI2, in national languages. We invite you to submit your contribution to the functional mailbox COMP-SARI2@ec.europa.eu. Please submit your contribution in Excel format.

Please, notice that from this year the reporting related to State Aid cases approved on the basis of the Crisis Communications⁽⁴⁾ for the financial sector has been integrated in SARI2.

More detailed guidance for reporting (Reporting Instructions) is enclosed to this letter, including instructions for the cases approved under the Crisis Communications for the financial sector, and uploaded into SARI2 in the form of short videos⁽⁵⁾. Please note that a 'bulk upload' functionality is also present in SARI2. As for the other features of the tool, a complete explanation of the bulk upload is provided in the video tutorials.

⁽³⁾ The secured internet address of SARI2 is <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/competition/sari2>.

⁽⁴⁾ Communication on the application of State aid rules to measures taken in relation to financial institutions in the context of the current global financial crisis ("2008 Banking Communication") (OJ C 270, 25.10.2008, p. 8); Communication on the recapitalisation of financial institutions in the current financial crisis: limitation of aid to the minimum necessary and safeguards against undue distortions of competition ("Recapitalisation Communication") (OJ C 10, 15.1.2009, p. 2); Communication from the Commission on the treatment of impaired assets in the Community financial sector ("Impaired Assets Communication") (OJ C 72, 26.3.2009, p. 1); Communication on the return to viability and the assessment of restructuring measures in the financial sector in the current crisis under the State aid rules ("Restructuring Communication") (OJ C 195, 19.8.2009, p. 9); Communication from the Commission on the application, from 1 January 2011, of State aid rules to support measures in favour of financial institutions in the context of the financial crisis ("2010 Prolongation Communication") (OJ C 329, 7.12.2010, p. 7); Communication from the Commission on the application, from 1 January 2012, of State aid rules to support measures in favour of financial institutions in the context of the financial crisis ("2011 Prolongation Communication") (OJ C 356, 6.12.2011, p. 7); Communication from the Commission on the application, from 1 August 2013, of State aid rules to support measures in favour of banks in the context of the financial crisis ("2013 Banking Communication") (OJ C 216, 30.7.2013, p. 1).

⁽⁵⁾ <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFm7hml4mmeXLDwMJpPBcT4bEdP65Chxi>

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Implementing Regulation, I would like to ask your Government to ensure that **the complete annual report is submitted to DG Competition by 30 June 2025** by validation in SARI2 and provision of the railways reporting template.

Based on our analysis of the information provided in this reporting exercise, we would like to draw your attention on the importance to report accurately on all expenditures and in a timely manner.

DG Competition staff are happy to advise on specific questions and concerns, which can be submitted to the functional mailbox COMP-SARI2@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures: - Guidelines for annual reporting on State aid
 - Template for reporting on rail sector