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Subject: Response to the Technical Conservation Framework Regulation

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Dear Mr. Wichmann,

Thank you for your written response to the Commission proposal for a new technical measures framework. First of all, we would like to apologize for the delayed answer, but we needed to have some more clarity on the timeline of the ongoing legislative procedure before getting back to you.

Let me assure you that your input has been very useful, in particular the work undertaken by the NSAC focus group on technical measures. This focus group provided the opportunity for the Commission to elaborate or better explain key elements of the proposal, but also to understand the views of the Advisory Council and address your concerns wherever possible. Regarding the status of the proposal, it has now been considered by the Council and a General Approach was agreed in June. Shortly we expect to receive the opinion of the European Parliament PECH committee that will come forward with a number of proposed amendments. The Commission will be doing its utmost to facilitate the discussions between the co-legislators with a view to reaching a satisfactory agreement on this file. My services will regularly update you on this process during your future meetings.

Thank you again for your detailed advice on this very important subject. If you have any questions on this reply, you may contact Ms Evangelia Georgitsi, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.04.43).

Yours sincerely,

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