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from: General Secretariat

to: Coreper/Council

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Subject: Council Implementing Decision authorising the French Republic to apply a reduced rate of taxation to unleaded petrol used as motor fuel and consumed in the Corsican departments in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC
– *Adoption*
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 10.4.2013

1. On 17 January 2013 the Commission transmitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Implementing Decision authorising the French Republic to apply a reduced rate of taxation to unleaded petrol used as motor fuel and consumed in the Corsican departments in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC. The aim of the decision is to permit France to continue to apply a reduction in the rate of taxation on unleaded petrol used as motor fuel and consumed in the Corsican departments with a view to partially offsetting the additional costs induced by geographical remoteness and difficulties of supply.

2. At its meeting on 12 March 2013 the Working Party agreed to the Commission proposal. The DK, DE, MT and UK delegations expressed parliamentary scrutiny reservations. Since then these reservations have been lifted.
 3. The Permanent Representatives Committee could suggest that the Council adopt the abovementioned Implementing Decision as finalised by the Legal/Linguistic Experts in doc. 7527/13 FISC 53 OC 147, as an "A" item on the agenda of a forthcoming meeting.
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