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Subject:	COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) .../... of 16.12.2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council by specifying the number and the titles of the variables for the income and living conditions domain - intention not to raise objections to a delegated act - Statement by the Danish delegation

Statement by Denmark

Regarding the ceiling on the number of variables to be collected - we find that the method used to count the number of variables is inapt. The introduction of complex variables - such as the SILC household grid - adds a heavy burden on either respondents in the surveys or on the NSIs in the form of highly complex programming. This conflicts with the intention of the 5 per cent ceiling on the number of variables – which were designed to guard against the continuous increased burdens for respondents and NSIs.