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HT.5524 - draft Land and Multimodal Transport Guidelines (LMTG) and draft Transport Block Exemption Regulation (TBER)

The Confederation of Swedish Enterprise has been given the opportunity to provide input in an ongoing consultation conducted by the European Commission in the area of state aid, specifically the draft Transport Block Exemption Regulation (TBER) and Land and Multimodal Transport Guidelines (LMTG).

The Confederation of Swedish Enterprise welcomes the proposal for a new regulation that constitutes a separate block exemption for land transport, which allows certain aid to be implemented without individual assessment by the Commission. The use of block exemptions is generally preferable as it enables increased predictability, shorter processes for granting aid, and reduced administrative burden. Although legal certainty cannot fully compare to an approval decision from the European Commission, the benefits are considered to outweigh the drawbacks. This development aligns with the work to modernize the state aid framework that began in 2012, with the ambition to create more efficient state aid processes that focus assessments on cases with the greatest impact on the internal market.

Similarly, the new guidelines for land transport are welcomed, where several different modes of transport are included. This provides a more comprehensive regulatory framework, creating better predictability and guidance regarding which aids can be considered compatible with the internal market upon assessment.

Best regards

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