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to the Commission**

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Subject: Revision of the General Block Exemption Regulation on State aid - ports

The Commission is currently revising the General Block Exemption Regulation on State aid (GBER), in particular with a view to extending it to ports.

Given the uncertainty surrounding the legal risks posed by this revision to current and future investments in port infrastructure, it is vital that the Commission provide greater clarity in order to guarantee a secure legal framework for port investments made in line with Regulation 2017/352 on port services.

Will the Commission clarify the scope of the GBER by defining exactly what infrastructures are concerned and what falls under the category of commercial port?

Is the Commission planning to exclude investments in dredging operations and public infrastructure, which benefit all port users?