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to the Commission**

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Subject: Vietnam's special consumption tax reform on wines and spirits

Since the conclusion of the EU-Vietnam free trade agreement (FTA) Vietnam has reformed its Special Consumption Tax in a way that nullifies the EU's legitimate expectations of improved market-access opportunities for European wines and spirits.

What written representations or dialogue has the Commission initiated with Vietnam to find a satisfactory compromise on this matter?

As the value of Vietnam's concessions in the framework of the FTA negotiations has been reduced, and taking into consideration the gravity of the situation for European operators, will the Commission consider offsetting this loss by suspending certain concessions of its own?