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Subject: The use of the ‘one in, one out’ principle

In April 2021 the Commission published its communication on better regulation in which it launched the ‘one in, one out’ principle. The principle will be piloted during the second half of 2021 and implemented in the Commission work programme for 2022. Within the scope of the principle there is an exemption which states that: ‘if there is political will to regulate but it is not possible to identify an offset in the same area (for instance regulation in emerging policy areas where it is necessary to fill a regulatory gap), the Commission can decide to exempt the regulation from the “one in, one out” approach’.

While the principle is implemented in the work programme, there is also extensive work taking place under the Fit for 55 package, which will entail a much greater regulatory burden – ‘one in’.

1. How does the Commission intend to use the ‘one in, one out’ principle within the scope of the Fit for 55 package?
2. Where does it draw the line for the eligibility of exemptions under the ‘one in, one out’ principle?
3. Who will be responsible for controlling the application of the ‘one in, one out’ principle and any exemptions from it?