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to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Impact of the proposal for a recast of the Energy Taxation Directive on the French fisheries sector

In its proposal for a recast of the Directive restructuring the Union framework for the taxation of energy products and electricity, the Commission does away with references that explicitly allowed Member States to grant tax exemptions on fuel for certain business sectors.

Thus, in order to protect the competitiveness of its fishing industry, France currently exempts fishermen from paying VAT and the domestic tax on consumption of energy products (TICPE) on maritime fuel. Given the drastic increase in the price of petroleum products, this exemption is all the more vital for the sustainability of the sector.

Can the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. How many Member States would be affected by this enforced end to the tax exemption for fisheries fuel?
2. How can the Commission ensure that the recast of the directive, if adopted as it stands, will not lead to further bankruptcies of European fishing companies and will not increase the European market's dependence on fish imports from third countries that do not comply with our socio-environmental standards?

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