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to the Commission**

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Subject: Concrete actions for the implementation of a horizontal sanctions regime against Russia

Over the past six months, Russian authorities have imported Western components valued at USD 223 million. The majority of these Western electronics enter Russia via China and Hong Kong, with top resellers based in Hong Kong. Western microchips with a total value of over USD 502 million have been imported into Russia since the beginning of 2023.

Responsibility for implementing and enforcing the EU's sanctions against Russia is scattered among 160 designated competent authorities in the Member States, leading to a mosaic that cannot satisfy the requirement for the uniform and strict implementation of sanctions against Russia, as decided in 2022.

1. How does the Commission plan to ensure adequate guidance for EU economic operators to support their compliance with sanctions legislation?
2. How does the Commission plan to implement a horizontal sanctions regime?

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