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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Vestager
on behalf of the European Commission
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It should be noted that both the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak¹ (see section 4) and the General Block Exemption Regulation² (see Article 9) already contain detailed transparency requirements.

Without prejudice to a detailed assessment of the specific circumstances of possible individual cases, the Commission has not identified any provision of EU law that Member States would violate if they were to oblige companies in receipt of state relief linked to COVID-19 to publish the type of country-by-country reports referred to.

¹ OJ C 91I , 20.3.2020, p. 1–9

² OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, p. 1–78