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Subject: Your ARES (2018)395629 - proposal for a tax on plastics

Dear

On behalf of Commissioner Oettinger we would like to thank you for your interest in the issues raised in the context of the plastic strategy related questions about the taxation of plastics.

We can confirm that the Commission services are examining the feasibility of an EU approach to a tax on plastics and that we are looking closely into economic and legal aspects.

Your appeal to focus on certain products in the value chain and a tax design that would result in less plastic waste, more collection and recycling is well noted. If the initiative is pursued further, the impact assessment would explore the repercussions of certain design choices and take into account the environmental, commercial and consumer dimensions.

We appreciate your input and would hope that you will remain engaged in the debate about the plastic tax.

With sincere regards,

E-signed