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**Subject: Revision of the Commission Blue Guide**

Dear Mr Harris,

Thank you for your letter of 19 April 2012, in which you urge the Commission to revise the so-called "Blue Guide" as a matter of urgency and, in any event, prior to the transposition of more directives based on the New Legislative Framework.

I know how valuable this Guide is to economic operators and I acknowledge that much has happened since the publication of the most recent edition in 2000, over a decade ago. The New Legislative Framework is now in place and, as you observe, it introduces new obligations and terminology. Directives based on its provisions are now beginning to appear. Indeed, we are hoping that the package of nine directives that are being aligned with the reference provisions of Decision 768/2008 will be adopted by the Council and the European Parliament before the end of the year. The deadline for transposition of these directives is two years after their adoption. I am therefore very much aware of the pressing need to begin work on updating the Guide.

We are currently considering how best to achieve this, taking into account our available human resources. In any event, the exercise will probably focus on the creation of a web-based Guide that will be easier to update section by section in accordance with developments and priorities in relation to particular topics. We may begin by placing the existing Guide on the web and updating only those parts which are perceived as being the most important/potentially problematic.

I hope that this reassures you that the Commission is actively looking at this matter and will be taking action in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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