## General Court Decides on Madeira Free Zone State Aid Cases: *Nutmark and Piamark v Commission* (Joined cases T-714/22 and T-715/22)

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The Order of the General Court (the Court) of 27 October 2023 by which the Court gave its decision of dismissing the actions in case *Nutmark and Piamark v. Commission (Madeira Free Zone)* (Cases T-714/22 and T-715/22), was published in the Official Journal of the European Union No. C/2024/00464 of 3 January 2024.

Nutmark, Lda and Piamark, Lda had requested the annulment of the Commission's decision of 4 December 2020 on the aid scheme SA.21259 (2018/C) (ex2018/NN) implemented by Portugal for Zona Franca da Madeira (ZFM) — Regime III.

The Court decided that:

- "1. Cases T-714/22 and T-715/22 are joined for the purposes of the order.
- 2. The actions are dismissed as manifestly lacking any foundation in law.
- 3. Nutmark, Lda (Zona Franca da Madeira) and Piamark, Lda (Zona Franca da Madeira) are ordered to pay the costs."

For a previous TNS regarding the Nutmark Lda. case (T-714/22), see State Aid: Nutmark Lda Brings Action for Annulment of European Commission's Decision Regarding Madeira Free Zone (23 January 2023)).

The full text of the order is available here (in Portuguese and French only).

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