## European Commission Closes Infringement Procedures Against Croatia and Lithuania Concerning Transposition of Excise Framework Directive

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On 28 September 2023, the European Commission declared the closure of the infringement procedures against Croatia and Lithuania for failing to completely transpose, and communicate the transposition of, respectively, the measures established by the Excise Framework Directive (Recast) (2020/262) into their national legislation (for more information on this Directive see European Union-1, News 27 February 2020).

The European Commission had initiated these procedures on 27 January 2022 by way of a letter of formal notice (first step in an infringement procedure) against several EU Member States, including Croatia and Lithuania, for failing to transpose the above-mentioned Directive into their national legislation by 31 December 2021.

The procedures were closed by the European Commission without further explanation. Any further information regarding these infringement procedures will be made available, if applicable, in due course.

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