

Council of the European Union Proposes to Authorize Poland to Apply Reduced Rate of Excise Duty on Certain Heating Fuels

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On 15 January 2024, the Council of the European Union proposed to authorize Poland to apply reduced rates of excise duty on heavy fuel oil, natural gas, coal and coke used as heating fuel from 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023.

This authorization aims to extend the application of the reduced excise duty rates to the mentioned goods that was granted by [Council Implementing Decision 2023/1197](#), which expired on 30 June 2023. Specifically, the application of the reduced rate is aimed at mitigating the effects of the unfavourable euro-zloty exchange rate and the rising prices of energy products and high inflation.

The proposal and the Explanatory Memorandum are available [here](#).