

# Council of the EU Proposes to Authorize Sweden to Continue Applying Reduced Rate of Excise Duty on Electricity Consumed by Households and Service Sector Companies

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On 30 January 2024, the Council of the European Union (EU) proposed to authorize Sweden to continue to apply a reduced rate of excise duty on electricity consumed by households and service sector companies in certain areas in the North of Sweden from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2027 (hereinafter, the Proposal).

With the Proposal, the Council of the EU aims to extend the application of the reduced rate of excise duty to electricity consumed by households and service sector companies located in certain municipalities set by [Council Implementing Decision 2017/2409](#) and the annex to this Decision, which expired on 31 December 2023.

Specifically, the application of the reduced rates aims to compensate the higher heating costs in the areas concerned (listed in the Annex to the Proposal [here](#)) caused by the specific climatic conditions of the region.

The text of the Proposal is available [here](#).