

European Commission Closes Infringement Procedures Against Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Lithuania Concerning Structure of Excise Duties on Alcohol

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On 28 September 2023, the European Commission declared the closure of the infringement procedures against Bulgaria, for failing to communicate the transposition, and Czech Republic and Lithuania, for failing to transpose the measures of Directive 2020/1151, on the structure of excise duties on alcohol and alcoholic beverages, into national law.

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 various EU Member States, including Bulgaria, Czech Republic 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.