

**European Commission has launched a public consultation on the revision of the
Community Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and environmental support
measures in the General Block Exemption Regulation**

The European Commission published a questionnaire with a view to assess the necessity of the modification of the actual Community Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and environmental support measures in the General Block Exemption Regulation.

The primary objective of State aid control in the field of environmental protection is to ensure that State aid measures result in a higher level of environmental protection than would occur without the aid, and to ensure that the positive effects of the aid outweigh its negative effects in terms of distortions of competition, taking into account the polluter pays principle established by Article 191 of the TFEU.

The purpose of this consultation is to obtain information on the application of the Community guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and environmental support measures in the General Block Exemption Regulation. The results will provide valuable input for the modernisation project.

The period for this consultation is: 31.07.2012 – 23.10.2012.

The questionnaire is available in:

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http://ec.europa.eu/competition/consultations/2012_state_aid_environment/questionnaire_en.docx

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