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to the Commission

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Subject: Union database for biofuels – Article 31a of Directive (EU) 2018/2001 (as amended by Directive (EU) 2023/2413)

Article 31a of Directive (EU) 2018/2001¹ (as amended by Directive (EU) 2023/2413²) states that ‘by 21 November 2024, the Commission shall ensure that a Union database is set up to enable the tracing of liquid and gaseous renewable fuels and recycled carbon fuels (the “Union database”)’.

In a letter dated 15 October 2024, 16 Member States raised concerns, also shared by many economic operators, about the (lack of) readiness of the Union database. The Member States recommended, among other things, that the Commission launch a simplified version with a transitional period of one year, and that it set up a working group with experts from the Member States.

1. Can the Commission confirm that the Union database is not currently ready to comply with the requirements laid down in Article 31a?
2. Does the Commission agree with the recommendation to start with a simplified version with a one-year transitional period?
3. When the Commission sets up the working group with Member State experts, as recommended by the Member States, will it also invite representatives of voluntary schemes to participate (as mentioned in Article 30(4) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001)?

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¹ OJ L 328, 21.12.2018, p. 82, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2018/2001/oj>.

² OJ L, 2023/2413, 31.10.2023, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2023/2413/oj>.

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