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Subject: Simplifying cross-border sales in the internal market

The European Commission's efforts to boost the competitiveness of European businesses would appear to be heavily skewed towards sectors such as cyberspace and energy. However, much remains to be done in terms of strengthening the single market and fostering direct sales between businesses and consumers located in different Member States. One example is the wine market, where wineries face various obstacles to online sales from producer countries to consumer countries.

Given the need to continue removing the non-tariff and administrative barriers that still hamper our competitiveness and integration, can the Commission say:

1. What measures it intends to take to foster closer integration within the single market?
2. Whether it plans to plan to review the non-tariff administrative barriers that are preventing full implementation of the single market, particularly in respect of the wine market?
3. Whether it plans to simplify the bureaucracy associated with the payment of excise duties on alcohol? To that end, whether it intends to promote a one-stop-shop model similar to that in place for other taxes?

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