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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Vestager
on behalf of the European Commission
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On 7 June 2022, the Commission approved EUR 453.25 million restructuring aid to the SATA Group, subject to the conditions set out in its decision[1]. Portugal has to ensure that SATA Air Açores - Sociedade Açoriana de Transportes Aéreos S.A., and/or its subsidiaries, as appropriate, must fully implement, within the relevant timelines until 31 December 2025, the measures included in the restructuring plan and other measures provided for in the Commission's decision, including divestments. The Commission is in regular contacts with the competent Portuguese authorities and the Commission's services have been so far satisfied regarding the implementation of the restructuring plan. However, the Commission cannot comment on specific business secrets or confidential information acquired in the context of the case and the implementation of its decision[2].

[1] OJ L 160, 26.6.2023, p.39.
[2] Article 30 of Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1589 of 13 July 2015 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, OJ L 248, 24.9.2015, p. 9 and Commission communication of 1 December 2003 on professional secrecy in State aid decisions (OJ C 297, 9.12.2003, p. 6), point 8.