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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
on behalf of the European Commission
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Poland notified the planned aid for the investment into the capacity expansion of conventional truck production as regional investment aid under the Guidelines on Regional State aid¹ (RAG). The objective of regional aid is to ensure regional development and cohesion. Accordingly, the Commission's assessment focuses on this objective, while also assessing the overall impact of the aid on the internal market.

The RAG and Council Regulation 2015/1589² respectively provide a framework for assessment and a procedure that the Commission applies uniformly to all Member States, ensuring equal treatment and non-discrimination.

The RAG analysis verifies whether the aid fulfils its purpose, i.e. has a positive impact on regional development and cohesion. More generally, State aid control aims at ensuring that such aid does not adversely affect the level playing field on the market and trade between Member States. Thus, the Commission considers the overall impact of the aid on the internal market by also assessing criteria, such as the existence of the incentive effect or the proportionality of the aid. Industrial resilience and defence capabilities are not explicit criteria of the analysis, but the Commission may consider them in the 'balancing test' of the aid's positive and negative effects.

¹ OJ C 153, 29.4.2021, p. 1.

² OJ L 248, 24.9.2015, p. 9.