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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
on behalf of the European Commission
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To the Commission's knowledge, Portugal and the Autonomous Region of Madeira intend to implement any future State aid fiscal scheme applicable in the Free Trade Zone of Madeira (ZFM) under the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER).

Under the GBER, granting authorities in Member States can implement directly the schemes they adopt, provided these comply with the conditions set in the Regulation, without prior notification to the Commission. Furthermore, Member States have to comply with transparency and reporting obligations. These have been fulfilled by the Portuguese and Madeiran authorities in relation to the current ZFM regime and annual reports on the implementation of the current regime have been sent to the Commission's services.