

EN

E-001676/2026

Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas  
on behalf of the European Commission  
(25.6.2026)

1. The Regulation (EU) 2023/2405 (ReFuelEU Aviation)<sup>1</sup> aims to scale-up Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) and ensure that SAF is widely available and affordable in the EU. It creates a predictable framework for producing and using SAF, while strengthening the EU's energy resilience and reducing dependence on imported fossil fuels. As announced in AccelerateEU<sup>2</sup>, the Commission is establishing a Fuel Observatory to improve visibility over fuel supply and demand, help detect shortages, and support targeted action such as alternative sourcing or coordinated stock releases in the EU.

2. As announced in AccelerateEU, the Commission issued on 8 May 2026 guidance<sup>3</sup> on the flexibilities available under EU aviation legislation to ensure a coordinated response across Member States. Specifically, on ReFuelEU Aviation, the guidance clarifies how airlines can be exempted from their refuelling obligation in case of fuel shortage.

The crisis in the Middle East reinforces the need to accelerate the transition towards more diversified energy sources. Maintaining the ambition of ReFuelEU Aviation and implementing the Sustainable Transport Investment Plan (STIP)<sup>4</sup> are therefore essential to strengthen Europe's energy security, strategic autonomy and competitiveness.

3. As announced in AccelerateEU, if the situation worsens and existing flexibilities no longer suffice, the Commission will propose temporary changes to the applicable EU legislative framework, where justified.

---

<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32020R0723>.

<sup>2</sup> [https://energy.ec.europa.eu/publications/accelerateeu-energy-union-affordable-and-secure-energy-through-accelerated-action\\_en](https://energy.ec.europa.eu/publications/accelerateeu-energy-union-affordable-and-secure-energy-through-accelerated-action_en).

<sup>3</sup> [https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/commission-publishes-guidance-support-eu-transport-sector-affected-middle-east-crisis-2026-05-08\\_en](https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/commission-publishes-guidance-support-eu-transport-sector-affected-middle-east-crisis-2026-05-08_en).

<sup>4</sup> [https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/commission-unveils-sustainable-transport-investment-plan-strategic-approach-boost-renewable-and-low-2025-11-05\\_en](https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/commission-unveils-sustainable-transport-investment-plan-strategic-approach-boost-renewable-and-low-2025-11-05_en).