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**Priority question for written answer P-001878/24
to the Commission
Jan-Christoph Oetjen (Renew)
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Subject: ‘Book and claim’ mechanism for sustainable aviation fuel in Regulation (EU) 2023/2405 (ReFuelEU Aviation): Part 1/2

Article 15(2) of Regulation (EU) 2023/2405 (ReFuelEU Aviation)⁽¹⁾ requires the Commission to assess, by 1 July 2024, possible additional measures to the weighted average approach that aviation fuel suppliers may invoke when supplying sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) to EU airports. This includes the possibility of setting up or recognising a system of tradability of SAF — a ‘book and claim’ mechanism for aircraft operators or fuel suppliers, or for both — which would facilitate the supply and uptake of SAF. The assessment and report are still pending.

As a prime example of how to boost the competitiveness of EU industries in the twin transition of reducing emissions through the deployment of digital solutions, book and claim is technically feasible without the risk of double-counting SAF. This can be carried out via existing blockchain solutions, by installing an effective EU database or through the recognition of industry solutions.

1. With the EU’s SAF blending mandate kicking in on 1 January 2025, can the Commission confirm that it will present its report in due time, so as to enable stakeholders to prepare for it?
2. Could the Commission please provide an update on the preparatory actions related to a book and claim mechanism in aviation fuel?

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**Answer given by Mr Hoekstra on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission is aware of its obligation under Article 15(2) of Regulation (EU) 2023/2405 (ReFuelEU Aviation)⁽¹⁾ and aims to publish its report in the shortest time possible.

The report will address important issues involving the entire value chain of the aviation fuels ecosystem. In preparing this report, the Commission conducted an extensive stakeholder consultation process which highlighted, among other things, the high complexity of the issue at stake and the necessary measures to be made to the already existing flexibility mechanism. Therefore, the Commission recognises that more time was necessary to produce the report. The document is being finalised and the European Parliament will be notified as soon as the report is published.

2. The work under the preparatory action on *Establishing a book and claim system for SAF* (sustainable aviation fuel) will directly relate to recommendations contained in the Commission report. It will be implemented in close cooperation with the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) over a period of three years.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2023/2405 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 October 2023 on ensuring a level playing field for sustainable air transport (ReFuelEU Aviation), OJ L, 2023/2405, 31.10.2023, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2405/oj>.
(¹) <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2405/oj>