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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission launched a pre-infringement dialogue with France on 17 April 2026 concerning the implementation of Article L.230-5-1 of the Rural and Maritime Fisheries Code. In that context, the Commission requested clarification regarding, inter alia, the envisaged equivalence mechanism for HVE3 certification and the timeline for adoption of the implementing decree referred to in that provision. The exchanges with the French authorities are ongoing.

The Commission is aware of the practical difficulties described by the Honourable Member. In light of the reply of the French authorities in the context of the ongoing Dialogue, the Commission will assess the appropriate follow-up steps to be undertaken.