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Permanent Representation of Bulgaria to the European
Union
Square Marie-Louise 49
1000 Bruxelles

Subject: SA.49742 (2017/PN) - Public funding in water supply and sewage sector – Bulgaria

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

By letter registered on 29.11.2017 the Bulgarian authorities pre-notified for legal certainty their plans to fund through public resources (ESIF resources from OP Environment 2014-2020, State and municipal budget, other international financial instruments) investments into the water supply and sewerage sector infrastructure, arguing that it will not constitute State aid within the meaning of Article 107(1) TFEU.

By letter dated 04.05.2018 the Commission services informed the Bulgarian authorities of their preliminary assessment, based on the information available at that time.

By letter dated 19.09.2018 the Bulgarian authorities provided some additional information on the “atypical” operators, however without signalling in writing whether they expected to receive any reaction from the Commission services in this regard. A subsequent telephone conversation at technical level seemed to suggest that the last submission was made for the sake of completeness.

In view of the above, please be informed that unless your authorities come back to the Commission services within 10 working days from the date of receipt of this letter with a clear request for a new preliminary assessment of the information submitted on 19.09.2018, we will deem this pre-notification withdrawn and will administratively close the case.

Yours faithfully,

e-signed
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Head of Unit

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