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Subject: Question on disclaimers after the Follow up letter No 4

Dear Andreas,

I hope you are well and enjoying the summer. I am writing to you due to the Follow up letter No. 4 to audit No REGC414CZ0133 that we have recently received.

The Commission services consider the audit closed as (among others) the amended procedures on the national level are regarded as sufficient to ensure the compliance with Art. 4c of the Conflict of Interest Act and Art. 61 of the Financial regulation. To reduce the unnecessary administrative burden it should be possible now, in my opinion, to reconsider the disclaimers that are attached to each payment claim of the Czech Republic.

The disclaimers are as follows:

"In accordance with the letter Ref. Ares(2021)3684945 from 4th June 2021 I would like to confirm that the currently submitted application for interim payment of the Operational Programme (CCI ...) does not contain any expenditure related to operations granted to traceable beneficiaries within the Agrofert Group.

Furthermore, following the letter Ref. Ares(2021) 5228087 from 23rd August 2021 I would like to confirm that the expenditures declared in the currently submitted application for an interim payment of the Operational Programme are not related to any grants awarded after 1 September 2017 to a beneficiary held within a trust fund."

I would like to ask you about your opinion on the matter and, in case you share my view, about the procedure that needs to be followed so that the obligation of disclaimers is abolished. Do you have any recommendation how we shall initiate the communication of this issue with the Commission (email?/ letter to you?)?

Thank you very much in advance for your advice.

Best regards

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