

State Aid: European Commission questions tax exemption for Dutch public companies and is gathering information on taxation of ports in other Member States

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Today the European Commission announced it has opened an in-depth investigation to verify whether exemptions from corporate tax granted under Dutch law to public companies, including port operators, are in line with EU state aid rules. The Commission has concerns that exempting certain companies merely because they are publicly owned may give them an advantage over their competitors.

Separately the Commission is also gathering information on taxation of ports in other Member States. The Commission has informed France and Belgium of its concerns regarding the taxation of ports in these countries and has asked Germany to provide further information to ensure that there are no undue competitive advantages being granted to ports.

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http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-794_en.htm