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Ministry for Foreign Affairs

His excellency Mr Marc Ferracci Ministre chargé de l'Industrie et de l'Énergie

Your excellency,

I would like to begin by thanking France for its response to the detailed opinion provided by Sweden regarding TRIS notification 2025/110/FR on nicotine pouches.

The Swedish Government is concerned that the French legislation on nicotine pouches will constitute a barrier to the free movement of goods, which is a core principle of the Single Market.

While Sweden recognises the importance of protecting public health, we are still concerned that the legislation constitutes a barrier to the free movement of goods since it prohibits all production, manufacture, import, export and even possession of tobacco-free nicotine products.

Furthermore, we would be grateful if you could issue clarification on how the French authorities intend to ensure that nicotine products, which are manufactured in other Member States, can transit through French territory without restriction.

I would like to underline that France is an important partner for Sweden. We value our relationship with France, both bilaterally and within the European Union. We are likeminded in many political areas, and I particularly look forward to continuing our cooperation to strengthen Europe's economy and competitiveness.

Equally, I hope that we will have an opportunity to discuss the legislation in question bilaterally and explore options that would be less restrictive in nature.

I look forward to your response and remain at your disposable for any further discussion.

Yours sincerely,

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