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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Further request for information concerning the reporting of a move to Norway and the requirement of legal residence

Reference is made to previous correspondence in the case, in particular Norway's letter dated 7 September 2020 (Doc No 1151157), discussions at the package meeting in October 2020, as well as Norway's letter of 13 January 2021 (Doc No 1172965), replying to the Authority's follow-up letter.

In this correspondence, the Norwegian Government has acknowledged that amendments to the internal guidelines of the tax authorities are necessary in order to bring the practice of assessing legal residence under Section 4-2 of the National Register Act into compliance with Article 25 of Directive 2004/38.

In the letter of 13 January 2021, the Norwegian Government informed about a new procedure, according to which registration certificates or residence cards will not be required for proving legal residence and to be registered with the National Register. It was stated that the timeline for the adoption of this new procedure was set to be during Q1 2021 for EEA national and during Q2 2021 for third-country national family members. It was also noted that further amendments to the internal guidelines were necessary in order to give more specific guidance in relation to the assessment to be carried out by case handlers when registration certificates or residence cards are not provided. Furthermore, it was explained that amendments to the National Register Regulation Sections 6-5-4 were being drafted, in order to harmonise the requirement for when a move to Norway must be reported for EEA nationals and third-country national family members in accordance with Directive 2004/38 and when they are required to register or apply for a residence card.

In light of this, the Norwegian Government is requested to provide the Authority with an update on the above amendments to internal guidelines and adoption of new procedures. The Government is invited to submit the requested information, as well as any other information it deems relevant to the case, so that it reaches the Authority by *7 October 2021*.

Yours faithfully,

Gabrielle Somers
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