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Dear Ms Willems,

Inception Impact Assessment Industrial Emissions Directive

As recently mentioned in our letter to Executive Vice-President Timmermans¹, the European business community is primarily focusing on managing the situation internally in order to minimise job losses and disruptions to the supply chains, thereby significantly impacting their capacity to engage on consultations like this one. We are therefore not in a position, as BusinessEurope, to deliver a comprehensive feedback on the inception impact assessment for the Industrial Emissions Directive.

Therefore, I would like to draw your attention to the comments we have submitted as part of the previous [stakeholder consultation](#). The only additional comment we can provide in these exceptional circumstances is that we believe the socio-economic and environmental impacts will have to be carefully assessed, particularly considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on industrial activities, to avoid further substantive pressure on businesses.

I hope we will be able to provide more substantive comments at a later stage. In the meantime, I remain at your disposal should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Alexandre Affre
Deputy Director General

¹ Extending deadlines for non-essential environment and climate-related consultations and regulations - [Letter from Markus J. Beyrer to Frans Timmermans](#)