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Forwarding of the observations of a Member State (Sweden) (article 5, paragraph 2, of Directive (EU) 2015/1535).
These observations do not have the effect of extending the standstill period.

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5. article 5, paragraph 2, of Directive (EU) 2015/1535

6. Sweden welcomes the notification and views Spain’s intention to promote a circular economy as positive. Achieving a circular economy is a prerequisite for sustainable development and the climate transition that must be made. Sweden would like to thank the Spanish authorities for their detailed response to the National Board of Trade’s request for more information.

However, the draft potentially brings about barriers to trade as exports to Spain will be made more difficult by specifically requiring companies to adapt the packaging of their products to the new requirements.

Furthermore, the draft lacks thorough reasoning with respect to proportionality and how the rules may affect intra-EU trade.

The EU’s Circular Economy Action Plan envisages revision of the Packaging Directive. In general, Sweden advocates more harmonised legislation in the area to ensure a well-functioning internal market.

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