

Reply from the Lithuanian authorities on the Review of the Framework on State Aid to Shipbuilding -- Consultation paper, forwarded by the Lithuanian Competition Council.

Having examined the consultation paper sent by the European Commission under cover of letter No D/50768 of 22 February 2008 on the Review of the Framework on State Aid to Shipbuilding, the Lithuanian authorities would point out that they lack practical knowledge in this respect and have not gathered sufficient experience concerning the suitability of applying the document in question. At the same time the authorities inform you that they agree with the Commission's proposal to extend the application of the Framework on State Aid to Shipbuilding for a further three years – until 31 December 2011.