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*Mr Milan ŠTĚCH
President of the Senát
Valdštejnské náměstí 17/4
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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion concerning the Green Paper on unfair trading practices in the business-to-business food and non-food supply chain in Europe {COM(2013) 37 final}.

The Commission welcomes the support of the Senát on launching a public consultation based on the Green Paper on unfair trading practices (UTPs). The analysis of the responses to the public consultation is finished and a summary statement was published on the website of the Commission together with most of the individual responses¹.

The Commission is currently considering the follow-up to the Green Paper in the form of an impact analysis. The responses to the public consultation, as well as an assessment of the national initiatives and their effectiveness are feeding into the Commission's impact analysis. The Commission has not taken any definite decision on the appropriate way forward but is now in the final stages of its assessment.

The Commission takes note of the Opinion of the Senát on territorial supply restrictions. The public consultation has shown that such restrictions are of a somewhat different nature than the other UTPs described in the Green Paper. Therefore, it is not envisaged at this stage to cover territorial supply restrictions in the impact assessment that the Commission is currently preparing on UTPs.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Senát and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

*Maroš Šefčovič
Vice-President*

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/2013/unfair-trading-practices/docs/summary-of-responses_en.pdf