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Ms. Antonia Battaglia

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Subject: Your letter of 7 March 2016 concerning air pollution in Brindisi

Dear Ms. Battaglia,

Commissioner Vella has asked me to reply to your letter of 7 March, by which you raise the issue of air pollution with regard to particulate matter originating from a given industrial source in Brindisi.

Having investigated the issue in the light of the latest available information, it appears that the relevant air quality limit values have been exceeded for several years in the relevant air quality zone. An infringement procedure has already been opened for the breach of Articles 13 and 23 of Directive 2008/50/EC on ambient air quality in this and other zones, with regard to PM10, and we therefore intend to take into account your letter in the framework of the ongoing procedure. In particular, since the breach of Article 23 requires the adoption of all appropriate measures to reduce air pollution at source, we are confident that your concern can be addressed by the ongoing investigations.

As regards PM 2.5, the relevant limit value entered into force only on 1 January 2015; the Commission will therefore be in a position to assess compliance with this new limit value when receiving the next ambient air quality annual report, which is due by 30 September 2016 at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

Ion Codescu