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EU DIRECTIVE 2023/2413 FOR THE PROMOTION OF ENERGY FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES

On 18th October 2023, <u>Directive (EU) 2023/2413 of the European Parliament</u> ("**Directive**") was published, amending Directive (EU) 2018/2001, Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 and Directive 98/70/EC regarding the promotion of energy from renewable sources, and revoking Council Directive (EU) 2015/652.

The Directive enters into force on 20th November 2023 and aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, energy dependence and energy prices through strategies that must be adopted by the Member States. We highlight the following:

- Member States should provide a framework facilitating the purchase of electricity from renewable sources, removing obstacles to the supply of electricity from renewable sources, such as those related to licensing procedures, and addressing the development of the necessary transmission, distribution and storage infrastructure for renewable energy;
- (2) To increase the share of renewable energy used by the construction sector, Member States should set target for 2030 and introduce appropriate measures in national regulations for this purpose (for instance requiring the use of minimum energy from renewable sources);
- (3) Member States should identify areas in their national territory with potential for speedingup the development of renewable energy projects (on land, artificial surfaces, inland waters and at sea);
- (4) Member States should establish appropriate polices and measures to increase the share of renewable sources consumed by the industry sector; and
- (5) Member States should require relevant economic operators to enter data on the transactions carried out and the sustainability characteristics of the fuels used, including their greenhouse gas emissions, in the Union database, as well as ensure the accuracy of such data.

Member States are required to execute this directive until 21st May 2025.

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