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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the BiH Indirect Taxation Authority has published the new *Instruction on the procedure for the implementation of customs and tax exemptions in accordance with the Framework Agreement between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Commission of European Communities on the rules of cooperation regarding financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina within provision of assistance through the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)* in the BiH Official Gazette number 74/11 published on 19/09/2011.

Please find attached the Instruction in English and local language for its application as well as excerpt from the Official Gazette.

The certificate on VAT exemption (*Potvrda IPA DEU*) shall be **issued upon your official request send** directly to the Delegation clearly indicating the contract number and project title immediately upon signature of the contract.

The contact email for the VAT and Customs issues in the Delegation is delegation-bih-vat@eeas.europa.eu or postal address Delegation of the European Union, VAT office, Skenderija 3a, 7100 Sarajevo.

Please note that projects funded from CARDS program continue to be subject to VAT payment and refund procedure, because the exemption has its legal basis in the ratified IPA Framework Agreement. Also, projects funded from CARDS program continue to apply separate customs clearance procedure for goods imported to BiH.

Yours sincerely,

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