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**КОПИЕ:**  
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*Относно: Нотификация за процедура по стратегическа екологична оценка (СЕО) за  
Стратегия за развитие на водния транспорт на Република Сърбия 2015-2025 г.*

**УВАЖАЕМИ ГОСПОДИН МИЛАНОВ,**

Във връзка с грама с изх. № 35/15.01.2015 г. от Посолството на Р България в Белград и писмо от министъра на селското стопанство и защита на околната среда на Република Сърбия г-жа Снежана Богосавлевич Божкович до министъра на околната среда и водите г-жа Ивелина Василева, приложено представям отговор на писмото.

Моля за Вашето любезно съдействие за изпращане на писмото по съответния дипломатически път.

**Приложение: съгласно текста.**

**МИРЕЛА ТОТЕВА**  
*Началник кабинет*



**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**  
**Minister of Environment and Water**

**Subject:** *SEA Procedure Notification of the Strategy on Development of Waterborne Transport of the Republic of Serbia, 2015-2025*

*Dear Minister Bošković,*

*In response to your letter № 350-02-114/2014-16 dated 19.12.2014 and the Notification pursuant to Art. 10 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (SEA Protocol), in accordance with Art. 10.3 of the SEA Protocol, I would like to state the willingness of the Republic of Bulgaria to take part in the SEA Procedure for the Strategy on Development of Waterborne Transport of the Republic of Serbia, 2015-2025.*

*In order to assess the possible effects of the Strategy on the environment and human health on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, we consider it necessary for the SEA Report to include the following information:*

*1. The Strategy envisages construction of terminals for containers, river freight, bulk, large port constructions, execution of dredging operations, which might have a negative impact on the Danube River. In this regard and also taking into account the proximity of Prahovo Port, the SEA Report should contain analyses and assessment of the potential impact of the implementation of the Strategy on the waters in the Bulgarian section of the Danube, including the impact on water quality and flow. Based on the conclusions from the assessment, there should be measures to reduce the risk of emergency situations and the negative impact on the Danube River Basin, respectively the status of the Bulgarian section of the basin.*

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2. *Information about the compatibility of the envisaged activities with the International Danube River Basin Management Plan. It should be clear that the future monitoring programmes related to hydro-morphology, biology, sediments and water quality also need to be consistent with the relevant programmes in the International Danube River Basin Management Plan.*

3. *Information and analyses regarding the ground water bodies.*

4. *Since the envisaged activities in the Strategy are expected to increase the inland waterways traffic in the Republic of Serbia with 12,5% by 2020 and up to 36,9% by 2025, the SEA Report should contain analyses and assessments of the possible negative impact on the environment and the living conditions on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.*

*In order to carry out the SEA consultations on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, we would like you to provide us with the following documentation:*

- *SEA Report and the relevant non-technical summary containing the supporting annexes - in English;*
- *Draft Strategy - in English;*
- *The SEA Report parts/chapters, related to the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, including non-technical summary of the SEA Report and a summary of the Draft Strategy - in Bulgarian language, so that the SEA documentation can be provided in comprehensible language for public consultations in Bulgaria.*

*After the receipt of the above-mentioned documentation, it will be published on the website of the Ministry of Environment and Water for public consultations for a period of 30 calendar days.*

*Let me take this opportunity to express my highest consideration and willingness for fruitful cooperation during the SEA procedure in a transboundary context.*

***Yours sincerely,***

***Ivelina Vassileva***  
***Minister of Environment and Water***

