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5.1.

Outcome

Proposed by (affiliation only—no personal information)
GRVA ADS Workshops

Summary of Change (25 words or less)

Deletion of statistics cited in the cost-benefit analysis.

Reason for Change (Justification)

The statistics do not cite the sources of the data to enable interpretation.

Location

(e.g., paragraph, chapter, annex, appendix)

Original text

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