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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Draft Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Ukraine on cereal seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of cereal seed produced in Ukraine (first reading) - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption of the legislative act

1. On 7 April 2020 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 18 September 2020².
3. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal at its plenary on 5-8 October 2020.

¹ 7238/20.

² Not yet published in the OJ.

4. Due to the special circumstances, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2020/1253³, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the draft Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Ukraine on cereal seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of cereal seed produced in Ukraine, as set out in document PE- CONS 38/20⁴.
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³ Council Decision (EU) 2020/1253 of 4 September 2020 further extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430, and extended by Decisions (EU) 2020/556, (EU) 2020/702 and (EU) 2020/970, in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 294, 8.9.2020, p. 1–2)

⁴ PE-CONS 38/20 will be available in due time.