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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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 the Federative Republic of Brazil on fodder plant seed-producing crops and cereal seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of fodder plant seed and cereal seed produced in the Federative Republic of Brazil, and as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in the Republic of Moldova on cereal seed-producing crops, vegetable seed-producing crops and oil and fibre plant seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of cereal seed, vegetable seed and oil and fibre plant seed produced in the Republic of Moldova (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 14 November 2017 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. On 11 September 2018 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council².

¹ 14720/18.

² 11505/18.

3. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 28 June 2018³.
4. The Committee of the Regions was consulted.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 32/18, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

³ OJ C 227, 28.6.2018, p. 76.