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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2011/65/EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 26 January 2017 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 114 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 5 July 2017². The Committee of the Regions was consulted³.
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 3 October 2017. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council⁴.

¹ 5708/17.

² Not yet published.

³ Not yet published.

⁴ 12743/17.

4. 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 40/17, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with the UK delegation abstaining.

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.
