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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on information provision and promotion measures for agricultural products on the internal market and in third countries (first reading) Adoption of the legislative act (LA + S)

1. On 21 November 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 42 and Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 2 April 2014². The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 30 April 2014³.
3. In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure⁴, informal contacts were initiated between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with the aim of reaching agreement at first reading.

¹ 16591/13.
² Not yet published.
³ Not yet published.
⁴ OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5.

4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 15 April 2014. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council¹.
5. The Special Committee on Agriculture 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 90/14, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the United Kingdom, Netherlands and Swedish delegations voting against;
 - order that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that 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.

¹ 8679/14.