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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	10658/19 WTO 180 AGRI 355 VETER 42 SAN 324 COTRA 10 + ADD 1
Subject:	Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the Allocation to the United States of a Share in the Tariff Rate Quota for High Quality Beef referred to in the Revised Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Importation of Beef from Animals Not Treated with Certain Growth-Promoting Hormones and Increased Duties Applied by the United States to Certain Products of the European Union (2014) - Adoption

1. On 24 June 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing¹, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the Allocation to the United States of a Share in the Tariff Rate Quota for High Quality Beef referred to in the Revised Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Importation of Beef from Animals Not Treated with Certain Growth-Promoting Hormones and Increased Duties Applied by the United States to Certain Products of the European Union (2014), as well as a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion² of that Agreement.

¹ doc. 10656/19 WTO 179 AGRI 354 VETER 41 SAN 323 COTRA 9 + REV 1 + ADD 1 + ADD 1 REV 1.

² doc. 10658/19 WTO 180 AGRI 355 VETER 42 SAN 324 COTRA 10 + REV 1 + ADD 1 + ADD 1 REV 1.

2. On 15 July 2019, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing³ of the Agreement. At the same time and in accordance with Article 218(6)(a)(v) TFEU, the Council decided to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 10681/19 WTO 185 AGRI 364 VETER 47 SAN 331 COTRA 15 + COR 2, together with the Agreement itself⁴, to the European Parliament for its consent, with a view to preparing for the future conclusion of the Agreement.
3. The Agreement with the United States was signed on 2 August 2019 in Washington.
4. On 28 November 2019, the European Parliament provided its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.
5. On 29 November 2019, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) subsequently endorsed the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement.
6. In light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee, the Council is invited to:
 - adopt, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts and set out in document 10681/19 WTO 185 AGRI 364 VETER 47 SAN 331 COTRA 15 + COR 2;
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and that the Council Decision will be transmitted to the European Parliament.

³ doc. 10677/19 WTO 182 AGRI 361 VETER 44 SAN 328 COTRA 12 (published in OJ L 205, 5.8.2019, p. 10).

⁴ doc. 10678/19 WTO 183 AGRI 362 VETER 45 SAN 329 COTRA 13 + COR 1 + COR 2.