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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') (First reading) - Adoption (a) of the Council's position (b) of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 8 May 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Articles 43(2), 114(3) and 168(4)(b) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 15 April 2014².

¹ 9468/13.

² 8306/14.

3. At its 3407th meeting on 14 September 2015, the General Affairs Council reached political agreement on the Council's position at first reading on the above Regulation³.
 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:
 - adopt, as an 'A' item on the agenda for a forthcoming meeting, the Council's position at first reading as set out in 11779/15 and the statement of reasons as set out in 11779/15 ADD 1 REV 1, with the Austrian and UK delegations voting against and the Slovenian delegation abstaining;
 - order that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.
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³ In accordance with its letter of 17 June 2015, sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development to the Chair of Coreper, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendments.