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'I' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), (EU) No 1306/2013 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy, (EU) No 1307/ 2013 establishing rules for direct payments to farmers under support schemes within the framework of the common agricultural policy, (EU) No 1308/ 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and (EU) No 652/2014 laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material **(first reading)**
- Preparation for the adoption of the legislative act

1. On 14 September 2016 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 322 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 14 December 2016².

¹ 12187/16.

² OJ C 75, 10.3.2017, p. 63.

3. In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure³, informal contacts were initiated between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with the aim of reaching agreement at first reading.
4. On 18 October 2017, the Special Committee on Agriculture endorsed via a written procedure the agreement reached in trilogues⁴ and authorised the Chair to subsequently send a letter to the Chair of the AGRI Committee stating that should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in the form set out in that letter, subject to revision by the legal linguists of both institutions, the Council would approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.
5. On 15 November 2017, the Permanent Representatives Committee endorsed the split of the proposal and informed the European Parliament accordingly⁵.
6. The European Parliament will adopt its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 12 December 2017.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to agree that should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in the form set out in the letter to the Chair of the ENVI Committee, as revised by the legal linguists of both institutions as set out in PE-CONS 56/17⁶, the Council would be invited to approve the European Parliament's position as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the act shall be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.

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 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5.

⁴ 13318/17.

⁵ 14222/17.

⁶ Available on 12 December 2017.