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'A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Council

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)**
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 14 September 2016 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 42, Article 43(2) and point (b) of Article 168(4) TFEU, to the Council.

¹ 12187/16.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 14 December 2016². The Court of Auditors delivered its opinion on 26 January 2017³. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 11 May 2017⁴.
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 12 December 2017.
4. At its meeting on 6 December 2017 the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed its agreement and agreed to suggest that the Council:
 - approve the position as set out in PE-CONS 56/17 as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Dutch and Belgian delegations abstaining;
 - order that the statements in Addenda 1 and 2 to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting;
 - decide to publish the statements set out in Addendum 1 in the Official Journal of the European Union together with the legislative act; and
 - take note of the statement by the European Parliament set out in Addendum 3.

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.

² OJ C 75, 10.3.2017, p. 63.

³ OJ C 91, 23.3.2017, p. 1.

⁴ OJ C 306, 15.9.2017, p. 64.