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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Directive 93/5/EEC of 25 February 1993 on assistance to the Commission and cooperation by the Member States in the scientific examination of questions relating to food <b>(first reading)</b> - Adoption of the legislative act <b>(LA)</b>

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1. On 5 May 2014, the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 114 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 9 July 2014<sup>2</sup>.
3. In accordance with the provisions of the Joint Declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure<sup>3</sup>, informal contacts were initiated between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with the aim of reaching agreement at first reading.

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<sup>1</sup> 9729/14.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 451, 16.12.2014, p. 157.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5.

4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 16 December 2014. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council<sup>1</sup>.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee 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 94/14, as an "A" item at a forthcoming 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.

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<sup>1</sup> 16960/14.