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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 515/97 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs and agricultural matters (first reading) - Adoption a) of the Council's position b) of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 26 November 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Articles 33 and 325 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 15 April 2014².

¹ 17110/13.

² 8658/14.

3. At its 3386th meeting on 11 May 2015, the Agriculture and Fisheries 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 at a forthcoming meeting, the Council's position at first reading as set out in 8257/15 and the statement of reasons set out in 8257/15 ADD 1, with the Spanish delegation abstaining and the German and Austrian delegations voting against.
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³ In accordance with the letter of 23 March 2015, sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection to the Chair of Coreper, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.