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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Special Committee on Agriculture/Council
Subject:	Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production as regards its date of application and certain other dates referred to in that Regulation (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 4 September 2020 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee was consulted.
3. On 8 October 2020 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council².

¹ 10582/20.

² 11525/20.

4. The Special Committee on Agriculture 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 34/20, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting;
- agree to derogate from the eight-week period referred to in Article 4 of Protocol 1.

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.
