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From:	Presidency
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Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the protection of animals during transport and related operations, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/97 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 - State of play <i>- Information from the Presidency</i>

Delegations will find in the Annex a note from the Presidency on the state of play of the discussions on the above-mentioned proposal, which will be dealt with under "Any other business" at the Council meeting ("Agriculture and Fisheries") on 24 June 2024.

Regulation on the protection of animals during transport - state of play
Information from the Presidency

On 7 December 2023, the European Commission adopted an animal welfare package, containing a proposal on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability and a proposal for a revision of the Regulation on the protection of animals during transport and related operations. The package was presented by the Commission at the AGRIFISH Council on 11 December 2023. Under the Spanish Presidency the impact assessment of the proposal on the protection of animals during transport and related operations was presented and discussed at the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Animal welfare and Husbandry) on 18 December 2023. In that context, delegations did not raise concerns or objections in relation to the impact assessment.

The Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union decided to prioritise discussions and negotiations on the proposal on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability during its mandate and was able to conclude the technical discussions at Working Party level. The latest Presidency compromise text was shared with delegations and is currently on the agenda of the meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (Part I) on 26 June for a negotiating mandate with the European Parliament.

In May, following the finalisation of the technical discussions on the proposal on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability, the Working Party started the general examination of the proposal on the protection of animals during transport and related operations until the end of Chapter V. The incoming Hungarian Presidency will continue the examination from July.